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LEFT: The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Len Taylor, with the Mayoress, Mrs Janet Legg, and the ceremonial macebearers Barrie Jenkins (left) and Geoff Herman.

Cowbridge mayor is installed – and pledges support for the new school

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Len Taylor, was installed in a ceremony at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening (May 18).

Coun Taylor, who has served as a councillor since 2005, will be assisted throughout the year by Mrs Janet Legg as the mayoress.

Coun Taylor explained that he was looking forward to the challenge of being the town's new mayor, after serving as the deputy mayor over the last 12 months.

"Janet and I are very much looking forward to meeting the people who belong to the many local organisations that help to generate the great community spirit in Cowbridge.

"In fact, we will start by attending Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's 40th anniversary concert this Saturday."

Many years ago, when Coun Taylor visited the old girls' grammar school on Aberthin Road, he was shocked by the state of the building, and it is partly due to that memory that he has resolved to make the new Cowbridge School the beneficiary of funds raised during his year in office.

"I have announced that I will be supporting Cowbridge Comprehensive 2010. I am delighted that we will be getting educational facilities for the 21st century – I hope that money raised will go to books and the library.

"If there is some over, I would like to see it going to sports equipment and development."

Local sport is close to Coun Taylor's heart. "Janet and I both belong to Cowbridge Bowling Club, which does a lot to encourage local schoolchildren in the sport."

As his year begins, Coun Taylor was keen to remind people that the mayor's Saturday coffee mornings would remain a fixture.

"The coffee mornings will continue on the first Saturday of the month when the museum is open, and people can be assured of a warm welcome."

And how did he feel about his installation ceremony"

"It was an excellent occasion with a wide range of distinguished guests – one of the visitors said, '*Cowbridge carries out these events with distinction*'!"

Two die in horror crash at Bonvilston

Close-up view of the wreckage.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two men were killed when their van left the road and crashed into a house at Bonvilston yesterday (Wednesday).

The accident, which occurred at about 3.50am, closed the A48 between Five-Mile Lane and the Old Post.

A Vale police spokesman said: "The collision involved a single vehicle, a white Mercedes van, which collided with a stone wall. A 51-year-old male and a 21-year-old male, both from the Tamworth area, sustained fatal injuries.

"Their details will be released when all next of kin have been informed," the spokesman added.

There were no reports of anybody else being injured.

Fencing was erected around rubble that had spilled from the wrecked wall, and a single lane contra flow system with traffic lights, was set up along the stretch of road beside the house.

Any witnesses to this collision are asked to contact the Roads Policing unit on 02920 571600, or the non emergency number 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, or by visiting their local police station.

Cowbridge School fund tops £80,000

THE Cowbridge Comprehensive School's fundraising committee announced this week that the fund for much-needed equipment in the new school has now passed £80,000, staying on target for the goal of £250,000 by September.

"We are pleased with progress so far, but we know we still have a mountain to climb", said fundraising committee chairman, Charlie Puddicombe.

"Generous donations from a number of charitable trusts and companies, and the hard work of the PTA have given us an early boost and taken a good bite out of our target.

"A steady stream of donations, large and small, is coming in from individuals and we have so far secured more than £7,500 in Gift Aid."

He added: "One of the larger donations covered the cost of a concert quality grand piano which will enhance student theatrical productions and concerts for years."

With additional corporate and charity donations in the pipeline, the fundraising committee remains confident that they will hit their £250K target by September.

"It will take a big effort, but we believe that with the support of everybody connected with the school, we will get the money we need to help make a great new school fantastic," said Mr Puddicombe.

VINTAGE BIKES

A MOTORCYCLE convoy will be passing through Cowbridge this Saturday morning, as the south Wales section of the Vintage Motorcycle Club hosts a weekend of celebration.

Members are celebrating the fact that Bill Phells of Creigiau, has become the first president of the UK Vintage Motorcycle Club.

A dinner in his honour takes place on Friday evening at the Farmers Arms, Aberthin, and then the members will ride from Llandow to Monmouth on the Saturday.

The convoy will be assembling at Llandow Classics, on the industrial park, and will set off at 10.30am, so they should be passing through Cowbridge between 10.35am and 10.45am.

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Vale led the way with coalitions!

AT the Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting on May 5, the Leader of the council, Coun Gordon Kemp, was very quick to condemn the former coalition cabinet which came to power in the Vale in December 2006.

He made it very clear to all present his dislike for the coalition, in particular the one that he opposed in the Vale, which proved to be most successful in working together for the people of the Vale.

Now that his Conservative Party has set up a coalition with the Liberal Democrats, how will Coun Kemp react to that, given his dislike for coalitions?

No doubt he must be delighted that our lead in the Vale has been followed with a coalition government at the Welsh Assembly – and now a coalition has put his party into office at Westminster.

Coalitions do work, if people are prepared to work together in the best interests of the electorate.

It will be interesting to see if the parties at Westminster work together, as previous coalitions have in Wales.

Coun Gwyn John
Llantwit Major

How much will this housing survey cost?

SOME Vale residents may be puzzled by the recent questionnaire which came through our doors.

Can the Tory Council, who have recently increased our council tax, confirm how much they are paying Fordham Research of Brighton to undertake this survey – which concerns itself with affordable rural housing needs?

The survey, which asks a series of very intrusive and sensitive questions about the financial status of each household, seeks to provide an understanding of future housing needs in our area.

Housing is a major issue for young families, there is a shortage of it in our area because under Thatcher, council houses were sold off and not replaced.

Tory councils don't get it that land is a common treasury owned by us all, not something to be parcelled off and sold to get rich quick developers with the promise of a golf course (Rhoose Point).

As council leaders, they are merely custodians of the land – to pass on to the next generation.

Vale residents will be interested in the cost of this.

Peter Holly,
Rhoose

'Charge campers'

I AM sorry to have to say that local councillors are unable, or do not care enough, to deal with camping on Llantwit Major meadows near the beach.

The tiny sign is insignificant. What is the objection to a prominent notice?

Talking to fellow dog walkers (who always 'pick-up') we feel that a modest £1 for parking would be a very low price and it could be manned (as it used to be) by a local pensioner for a small remuneration.

If councillors walked the lovely valley to the beach, I believe they would realise how 'out of place' a concrete path would be.

Phyllis Challenger,
Llantwit Major

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Stop messing about with Five Mile Lane and ...

'BUILD US A NEW MOTORWAY LINK!'

WITH reference to The GEM report on May 13, headed 'Public consultation on Five Mile Lane', why are we still messing about with straightening out Five Mile Lane?

There are two problem areas: one being the Five Mile Lane and the other Culverhouse Cross Roundabout. The last I read about Culverhouse Cross was that a new relief road was being built on the west side of Marks and Spencer, to help with the volume of traffic wanting to go to Barry and Cardiff Airport.

Why don't people take the bull by the horns and build a new motorway link road straight from Llantrisant M4 roundabout to Cardiff Airport?

At the end of the day, it would be better for the environment having traffic travelling smoothly, rather than negotiating sharp bends, 30mph villages with pedestrian crossing lights and farmers driving their cattle across main roads.

John Gillette,
Cwm Talwg

Thank you to Labour voters

NOW that the political dust has started to settle and we know the outcome of the general election, I would be grateful if, through your newspaper, I could pay tribute to all those people who voted for me, supported me and worked for me throughout the election campaign.

First of all – a big 'thank you' to the 16,000 people who voted for me. Their votes weren't wasted – they have shown that Labour in the Vale is alive and kicking – and that we'll be back!

Thank you, too, to all those supporters who put posters in their windows and stakes in their gardens, and to all the hundreds of people who emailed me, asking for my opinions and telling me theirs.

Thank you to my agent Chris and the wonderful Labour team in the Vale – thank you for the miles you walked, the papers you folded, the phone calls you made and the doors you knocked; and thank you for making the whole experience unforgettable and unmissable.

Thank you to The GEM for giving me the opportunity to put my case to your readers.

But most of all, thank you to the people of the Vale – for the concerts you entertained me at, for the hustings you subjected me to, for the fairs and fetes and meetings you invited me to – thank you.

I hope to be knocking on your doors again in the future!

Alana Davies,
Porthcawl
(*Former Labour parliamentary candidate, for the Vale of Glamorgan*)

Churchill and the miners

WHO does Coun Russell Downe of Llantwit Major think he is, telling us, the people of south Wales, that we were wrong in believing that Winston Churchill sent troops to the Rhondda? (GEM report last week).

Has his family lived in Wales for generations and been involved in mining?

My husband's family were: His father, uncles, cousins etc all worked until the pits closed.

I include an excerpt taken from the internet on Winston Churchill's life:

"*As Home Secretary, Winston Churchill used troops to maintain law and order during the south Wales Miners' Strike.*

"*He also used a detachment of Scots Guards to assist police during a house siege in Sidney Street in East London in January 1911.*

"*Whilst such actions may have marked him down as a man who would do his utmost to maintain law and order, there were those who criticised his use of the military for issues that the police usually dealt with.*"

Believe what you want Mr Downe, but do not expect those of us who believe differently to agree with you.

Incidentally, you can call it what you like, but it will always be 'West Camp' to locals.

Mrs EM Davies,
Boverton.

Pointers for the planners

REGARDING the future planning of Barry Island, the first thing the council want to look at is the road to the Island.

A road from the coach park area is badly needed – across the common to the roundabout – a matter of a couple of hundred yards.

So why isn't this project being built now, and not in 10 years' time?

As for a caravan site at Nells Point, I don't think this is a good idea because of strong south westerlies coming up channel; you would have to anchor the vans down.

What better place for a static site than Porthkerry Park? This is a flat, sheltered site for travellers' vans, a campsite easy to access from the main road via Pontypridd Road.

Bill Lang,
Barry Island

If you have a view on any of the letters published this week, or on any other subject of interest, you can email us at ggem@internet-today.co.uk or write to us at the address given on this page.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
20 Thur	11.54	8.3		
21 Fri	00.21	8.5	13.00	8.2
22 Sat	01.24	8.5	14.08	8.2
23 Sun	02.41	8.4	15.23	8.4
24 Mon	03.52	8.7	16.25	8.8
25 Tues	04.49	8.9	17.17	9.0
26 Wed	05.39	9.1	18.08	9.2
27 Thur	06.31	9.3	18.56	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Vale Victim & Witness Support -
Barry Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry CF63 4SX. 01446 730704.

MP & AM's SURGERY TIMES

New MP Alun Cairns is still finalising his contact details but, to make a surgery appointment with Mr Cairns, contact the constituency office on 01446 733516 or e-mail alun@aluncairns.com

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

CITIZENS' ADVICE

At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Drop in Mon-Fri (not Weds) 9.30am - 4.30am (Wed 11am-6pm); at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road 9.30am - 11.30am Mon and Fri. Telephone advice 0845 120 3756. *Further information www.adviceguide.org.uk*

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The Barry Hospital - visiting 2pm-8pm each day, 01446 704000. Llandough - Wards have individual visiting times. For details call 029 2071 1711. Princess of Wales - 01656 752752/668090.

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Kirsty's letter to Princess Di wins a national prize

A PUPIL at St David's C/W Primary School, Colwinston, is celebrating after being the runner-up in the annual, nationally-organised Royal Mail young persons letter writing competition.

Kirsty Hamilton entered the competition, where children were asked to write a letter to a personal 'hero'.

Kirsty chose to write to Princess Diana, having learned from her life and most notably her charity work from her mum.

Kirsty, who is 11 years old, was judged the best out of 1,500 young hopefuls around Wales, with a letter which not only showed great admiration for the princess but "excellent clarity and structure in style".

As well as receiving a framed certificate, she won book vouchers and a stationery set.

A Colwinston school spokeswoman said: "Our congratulations go to Kirsty, and mention must also be made of the other two year-6 pupils who were selected to be put through to the competition:

"Hannah Goodland wrote to Anne Frank, and William Durrant sent his letter to Stephen Fry.

"Well done to all three pupils!"

ABOVE: Kirsty Hamilton's letter to Princess Diana impressed the judges in a national competition.

BIG SCREEN

BIG SCREEN'S next presentation is *It's Complicated* (cert 15), which will be shown on Thursday, May 27, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

This is a film about the difficulties that arise when Jane (Meryl Streep) meets up with her ex, Jake (Alec Baldwin) who has remarried. Adam (Steve Martin), an architect working on Jane's house, gets drawn into a love triangle.

Tickets £3 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Urdd visit

THERE was a great deal of excitement at Llangan Primary School on Friday, May 14 when 10 pupils of the Urdd group, accompanied by three members of staff, were being transported by coach to Llangranog, near Aberyswyth.

The children will take part in the various activities at the centre and, as in previous years, will have a fantastic time.

Safety talk

TEACHERS, parents and school governors attended a talk on safety at Llangan school.

The speaker, PC Emma Maudic, advised everyone on safety needed when using the internet and mobile phones.

All those who attended the meeting left feeling better informed.

Fire visit

A MEMBER of the fire service visited Llangan school and gave an informative talk about fire safety.

Teaching staff are hopeful the fire service will be able to attend this year's supper fete which will take place on July 3.

More information on this at a later date.

Church concert

A MUSICAL concert at St Canna's church presented by the Minnesingers (travelling singers) will take place on Friday, June 18 at 7.30pm.

Tickets to include a raffle, can be obtained from Beth Jones (01656 862965) and Elizabeth Mathews (01656 ??6490).

Treoes community hall

A MIDSUMMER ball will take place on June 19 – email: *Treoes.hall@google.com*

Volunteers are needed

VALE Volunteer Bureau is holding an outreach surgery at Cowbridge library on Monday, May 24 from 10am-12pm, with special guests RSPCA.

For further information, contact Joe on 01446 421782 or visit www.vvb.org.uk

Plant sale

THE annual Llanmaes plant sale will take place on Sunday, May 23 between 12noon and 4pm at the village hall.

Free admission and many bargains to be had, with bedding plants, perennials and fruit and vegetable plants on offer. Afternoon teas also served. All welcome.

Zoe's charity whist evening

A LOCAL woman who ran the London Marathon for charity has taken her fundraising efforts well past £2,000 after a community event in Llanmaes.

Zoe Emery of Llanmaes told The GEM that she would like to say "thank you" to the Llanmaes Commnunity Council, and everyone who came along to the whist drive charity evening in the community hall earlier this month.

Zoe said: "The evening was a great success, particularly due to Francine, who hosted the evening and provided her expertise in the whist.

"A special thank you goes to my mum, Elinor Norris of Llanmaes, who came up with the idea and organised a fun evening for all."

The evening raised around £300 for the charity 'Right To Play' bringing Zoe's London Marathon fundraising to £2,300.

Getting it right on the (British) label

YSTRADOWEN WI NEWS

President Val Chaired the May meeting to discuss this year's resolution which specifically targets imported meat, fish and poultry, and would make it a legal requirement for any item labelled 'British' to be British from field to fork.

At present, the labelling of these foods is confusing, and current regulations define 'country of origin' as the one where the last 'significant change' took place.

Those who want to support local farmers and are concerned about animal welfare and the environment, want the mandatory labelling of meat etc., to be labelled 'British' only if it's born, reared and slaughtered here.

The UK Government, while committed to clearer product labelling, backs a voluntary approach. After a short discussion, members voted unanimously for this year's resolution.

Members donated a small wrapped gift and which were then 'brought back' and the funds raised given for the 'Light a Candle' project.

This teaches women in foreign countries to make candles, enabling them to augment their family income by making and selling candles.

Two members demonstrated a flower arranging and a third member, a botanist, gave a very interesting talk about the science of plants.

Next month members visit Waitrose at Pontprennau for a talk about the 'History of Waitrose' as part of John Lewis.

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Cowbridge advice surgery

THE Cowbridge ward members on the Vale Council, Couns Geoff Cox, Val Ellis and Hunter Jarvie will be holding a surgery on Saturday, May 22 from 11am -12.30pm in the Robing Room, Cowbridge Town Hall.

Access is via the west door of the Town Hall. Appointments are not necessary.

Do the Ogmore residents want an allotment?

RESIDENTS Ogmore-by-Sea and St Bride's Major are being asked if they want an allotment in the area.

The Vale Council requires evidence of local demand before it can consider where an allotment could be created.

Local resident Rachel Whitney contacted The GEM and said: "If anyone is concerned about their carbon footprint, and doesn't believe that flying in beans from Brazil or cabbages from Kenya is a good idea, I would like them to contact me on whitney_rachele@hotmail.com"

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NEWS FROM THE COWBRIDGE U3A

Tracing the rich heritage of Glamorgan's coastline

MEMBERS of Cowbridge U3A were treated to a wonderful talk about the rich diversity and outstanding beauty of the Glamorgan Heritage coast at their May meeting.

Paul Dunne, senior warden of the Heritage coast, gave very interesting and informative presentation on the subject. He started by informing members that 2010 is the 'Year of Biodiversity'.

Glamorgan was one of the first three Heritage sites set up by the National Trust in the mid 1970s. It is composed mainly of liassic limestone, which was formed 180,000,000 years ago. The stone is very rich in fossils and anyone walking on the beach is very soon aware of this.

A unique feature of this area is the very wide tidal range which is the first or second highest in the world. Coastal erosion is a major problem and the numerous visitors who sit close to the base of the cliffs face a very high risk of death or serious injury.

Bird life is prolific and ranges from the tiny Dartford Warbler to Peregrine Falcons, Fulmars, and Choughs.

Many rare plant species are to be found along the coast some of which are unique to the area.

Paul praised the work done by the owner of Slade farm to improve biodiversity in his area of responsibility, which has had a direct beneficial effect on both plant and animal life.

He also praised the cooperation he receives from other landowners which makes public access to the coast possible.

Illustration of the thoughtless leaving of rubbish by some visitors and the deposits left on the beach by the sea were examples of some of the difficulties faced by the Heritage Coast wardens.

The presentation was followed by the usual lively question and answer session. The vote of thanks proposed by Glenda Bell was enthusiastically supported by all present.

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YOUNG CHRISTIANS 'IGNITE' COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN TOWN OVER BANK HOLIDAY

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

A TEAM of young Christians have devoted time to community work in Cowbridge, as part of Ignite 2010.

The youngsters came from Cardiff, Newport and Holy Cross youth club. Three others from Holy Cross youth club went to St Timothy's in Ely, Cardiff.

The community work began on the Saturday, and finished on the evening of the May bank holiday Monday.

Each evening they returned to Cardiff to join with other young Christians from all over south Wales. Here, there was fun, worship and the opportunity to make new friends.

In Cowbridge, they all shared their love of God and people in the community by undertaking tasks such as car washing on Saturday, rail painting, park seat restoration, a river clean up on Sunday and organising of a bank holiday Monday fete.

Canon Derek Belcher, Rector of Cowbridge, said: "They came with enthusiasm and open hearts to serve our community and on their first day they soon got into car cleaning with our local fire brigade."

There was water and suds galore, along with cleaning and dusting the inside of cars.

Kate Hibbert, the co-ordinator of the event, said: "We are very grateful to the members of the fire brigade for allowing us to participate with them in the car wash. It was great fun and we helped to raise £120 from donations by people who had their cars washed outside and cleaned inside."

Holy Cross Church was used as the base each day. Every day began with lunch, and then the particular activity, and everyone returned to the rectory where Canon Belcher cooked up an evening meal.

The young people joined in the 10.45am Sunday service at Holy Cross, sharing their Christian commitment in worship.

After this, they began dredging the local river, cleaned up park benches and painted railings. The young people were astounded at what had been thrown in!

Canon Belcher said: "Both Kate Hibbert and I are very grateful to the council for arranging to take away the rubbish that we found in the river and giving us the materials to paint the park railings."

The young people met with many residents and visitors to Cowbridge who were amazed at what they were doing.

An important feature was the work of the St John ambulance team who gave their time to cover any first aid issues over the bank holiday Monday and provide a community first aid workshop.

The bouncy castle was a great attraction on the Monday and people stopped to chat and ask what was going on.

There were competitions from the three legged, to sack races, and the boat and duck race which were tremendous fun.

The support of local Christians, residents, visitors, the fire brigade and council were a vital part of the weekend.

Museum plan gets Assembly recognition

PLAID Heritage Minister Alun Ffred Jones has told Assembly Members that talks are taking place between the Welsh government and the Vale Council regarding a feasibility study into a new museum for the Vale in Barry.

Alun Ffred Jones said: "I am aware that there is movement in Barry to create a museum, as there is not one at the moment. I have recently had several letters regarding the proposal.

"My officials in CyMAL: Museums Archives and Libraries Wales have been in contact with the local authority about a feasibility study."

For Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, the comments have come "as an encouragement".

Dr Hicks told The GEM: "I am delighted that our campaign has now reached national level and is being discussed in the Assembly.

"This is another important step forward for this project and underlines the strength of support for this potentially wonderful facility."

(There will be more on this story next week)

MP accuses AM of being 'alarmist as...

Wales about to face tough budget cuts?

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE newly-elected Vale MP Alun Cairns has accused an Assembly Member of being 'alarmist' in claiming the new coalition government might cut hundreds of millions from the Welsh budget.

Last week, Plaid AM Chris Franks warned that the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in Westminster might make cuts of £220 million this year in the Welsh budget.

During budget questions in the Senedd, Mr Franks commented: "I am calling for a meeting with Conservative and Lib Dem Ministers regarding the impact of the UK Government's spending cuts on the Welsh budget. I hope that there will be movement on the recommendations of the Holtham commission and reform of the outdated funding formula for Wales.

"It is generally acknowledged that we are being short-changed to the tune of £300 million a year for our public services. I regret that the last UK Government failed to resolve this vital issue, which could substantially protect our health service, schools and police forces."

The Budget and Business Minister in the Assembly Jane Hutt confirmed that she had written to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury David Laws in the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition to ask for an early meeting with him.

Mr Franks added: "I am worried that the budget in July could risk the recovery. The Liberal Democrats after warning of a budget full of cuts will do a u-turn and vote for a slash and burn budget this financial year.

"This will cause problems for local councils, health and education bodies given the National Assembly has already agreed the 2010-11 budget. There will be a lot of belt tightening to get the deficit down rather than taxing very high earners."

But Alun Cairns pointed out that money should be saved by cutting waste, leaving front line services untouched.

He said: "There is no rationale behind the statement. Alarming and frightening people doesn't serve anyone. We obviously need to live within our means but we have said that if we cut waste, front line services can be protected.

"Unless debt is cut, unemployment will rise and our economy will go into another recession. I would hope that in this era of new politics Plaid Cymru would recognise the challenges, rather than seeking to scare people and making cheap political points."

On Monday, David Cameron, the new Prime Minister, met Wales' First Minister Carwyn Jones at Cardiff Bay, and said that if the Assembly wanted a senior Treasury Minister to answer questions following the Budget, then that would happen.

He also offered to answer questions once a year in the Assembly, but added that he was in favour of Assembly ministers making the return trip to answer questions in Westminster.

Fiesta hits pub wall

ABOVE: At rest – the blue Fiesta hit the pub wall and green maintenance box before coming to a standstill.

A FIESTA mounted a pavement and struck a wall just outside the Farmers Arms public house in Aberthin on Wednesday afternoon (May 19).

Landlady Ann Egan told The GEM: "The accident happened at about 3pm – the car went into the wall, hit a maintenance box and was badly damaged down one side.

"By chance, the police happened to be going past, and stopped to check on the driver who was shaken, but apart from that was fine."

MAJOR MUSIC CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH ST DONATS CONCERT

ABOVE: Showing off his 'sax' appeal!

PHOTOGRAPHS by DEREK NAYLOR

ST DONATS Arts Centre was the venue for one of a series of events to mark the 10th anniversary of Llantwit Major based charity, Major Music, giving those in attendance the opportunity of seeing at first hand the wealth and energy of young musical talent in the local area.

The evening was attended by the family and friends of those young people performing, in addition to a number of sponsors and supporters of Major Music, local councillors, Vale officers and Jane Hutt AM.

Trustee of Major Music, and compere for the evening, Chris Williams, took the opportunity of welcoming all those attending, commending the efforts of those young people who had been working hard over the past weeks to perform at the event, which included in each set a Beatles number.

Chris also made reference to the achievements and success of this innovative project over the past ten years, and to the two co-founders, Dave Roberts and Phil Kirkham who had the vision, tenacity and commitment in setting up Major Music.

As Chris said: "The success of Major Music would not have been possible without the ongoing support received from a number of businesses, organisations and individuals and in particular the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Roland (UK)".

In attendance was Mark Davies, officer from the Vale's Children and Young People's Partnership who commented: "Throughout its ten years Major Music continues to provide an important service to young people. It is a privilege to be involved and help celebrate young people's skills, abilities and achievements".

Alyson Jones, the mother of two young people involved with Major Music, said: "Major Music is giving children and young adults confidence they may not have in other areas of their life. It also gives them a focus and builds on the talent they already have. Major Music has supported both my children and enabled them to perform music they enjoy".

Acts performing throughout the evening included The Resistance, Lucy Atkins, Gareth Jones, Red, Turf – with Davey, Breaking the Silence and Skate Ketchup.

There was also a surprise in store at the end of the evening's performance, which saw a number of the mentors and volunteers involved with Major Music take to the stage themselves and do a couple of songs including the Beatles hit – *Hey Jude*!

Appreciation was also expressed to all of the staff at the Arts Centre whose support had been invaluable in promoting this and other Major Music events.

Major Music continues to hold its weekly workshops at the Llantwit Major Youth Centre on Tuesday evenings, and where young people also have the opportunity to access the state of the art recording studio. There are plans to hold workshops during the school holidays and other innovative events.

If you would like to know more about Major Music; to volunteer at the weekly workshops, offer sponsorship or support, or wish to attend the workshops then contact Phil on 01446-792543, or take a look on the website – www.majormusic.net – and leave a message.

FOLLOW THE (Vale Council) LEADER

by Coun
GORDON KEMP
Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

Former Butlins site report

THE future of the former Butlins site on Barry Island is of interest to many people in the Vale – whether they be Barry residents, local business owners or those who love to visit the Island.

This is one of the reasons the council is determined to make the right plans for the future development of the site.

We recently commissioned Humberts Leisure, a company that specialises in international leisure businesses, to produce a report on the potential land use and future marketing of the site.

Humberts have made a number of recommendations and the council is asking for the views of residents and other interested parties on the proposals.

No decision on the future of the site will be made until we have considered all the comments we receive.

The report can be viewed on the council website www.vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk .

Satisfaction with council is high

RESEARCH undertaken at the end of last year, by an independent company, indicates that the majority of Vale residents, 92 per cent, are satisfied with the service provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

We provide hundreds of services for thousands of customers. Of course, at times there can be problems and it is impossible for any council to please everyone all of the time.

What we can do is aim to please the majority and the survey clearly demonstrates that we are achieving our aim.

Public questions at council meetings

MEMBERS of the public will be able to submit questions at full council meetings from June 30.

Questions will need to be received by post or by email at least 10 working days before the day of the meeting and need to include the name, address and contact details of the questioner.

No more than two questions can be submitted by one person and no more than two can be asked on behalf of one person at any one meeting. Questions need to be directly relevant to the council's policies, or the work of the council.

Full details will be available on the website in the near future.

Freedom for the Welsh Medics

IT was an honour to see the Cardiff-based 203 Welsh Field Hospital (Volunteers), the only Territorial Army medical unit in Wales, receive the freedom of the county borough of the Vale of Glamorgan. The Freedom is the highest tribute a county borough council can bestow.

Known as 'The Welsh Medics,' the regiment recruit from across Wales, and the council unanimously agreed to grant them the honour in recognition of their invaluable work.

The Territorial Army medics have recently served in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 1,000 local people turned out to see the parade and show their support for the Medics and all our armed forces.

At the end of June, the council will be marking Armed Forces Day – look out for details in The GEM.

Community order for mum whose children had to put her to bed

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A drunken mother, who neglected her two children to such an extent that on one occasion they had to walk her home and put her into bed after she had downed five glasses of white wine, was sentenced to a two-year community order, at Cardiff Crown Court.

After the incident one of the children said he "could not put up with it any more" said prosecutor David Thomas.

The 47-year-old woman, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, had admitted before Vale magistrates two charges of child neglect and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

The community order also involves a supervision order, and she was ordered to pay £250 costs.

Judge Philip Richards said: "The important needs of the children and the defendant have to be considered."

He said references spoke of her in the highest possible terms and of the efforts she had made since.

There had also been correspondence from Alcoholics Anonymous and an alcoholism counsellor.

"The course I should adopt is one to enable her to put this behind her and care for the children."

He added: "It goes without saying, and you recognise it, that what happened was wholly unacceptable and you since regret it.

"Alcohol is a very invasive drug and can affect the best of people. I am sure you are sincere in your determination to overcome your problems."

He said she was a "thoroughly decent woman" apart from her problem, who had achieved high status in her employment which had benefited the public.

Mr Thomas had told the court that on January 24 police were called to the woman's home because of concern for her two children.

They told officers their mother had been drinking and, distressed, said she had returned home very drunk.

They also said she was verbally abusive to them and said she hated them, and that they had not had any tea.

They were taken to a place of safety and their mother was arrested.

Later, one of the children said their mother had been "really drunk" and as they brought her home they became scared because she kept falling over. Eventually one of them said, with great difficulty, they got her to bed.

She said the neglect was "an error of judgement" and she didn't want to put her children through such an experience again.

She was said to have two previous convictions for child neglect.

Transport festival goes back in time!

THE annual Barry Festival of Transport will be held at the Hood Road depot on Sunday, June 6 (10am -5pm).

Entry will be free and organisers say that on view will be classic cars, vintage buses, a novelty railway, a transport 'bazaar' and much more.

There will also be free heritage bus trips to Barry Island and the Vale.

A new book that will be a must for enthusiasts is being launched to coincide with the festival.

Entitled *The Motor Bus Operators of Before 1945,* it has been written by two local men, Viv Corbin and Chris Taylor.

Viv told The GEM: "This book is the product of many years of combined research by Chris and I into the early road passenger transport of Barry.

"In the 1920s, Barry had the largest number of bus operators in any one urban area in Wales. More than 100 bus owners tried to make a living between 1910 and 1945.

The book includes many rare photographs and images not published and will cos £9.99.

Housing survey seeks Vale views

LOCAL residents are being asked for their views on housing and rural life in the Vale.

As part of its Rural Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) the Vale Council has commissioned a confidential household survey and questionnaire.

A spokesman explained that the council will be looking to collect information on:

1. Type of housing that exists.

2. Proportion of households that own, privately rent or rent their home from the Council or a housing association.

3. Types of households e.g. families, older people, younger couples or singles.

4. Cost to buy or rent housing locally.

5. The financial capacity of local households (income + savings + equity).

6. Previous and expected movement into, within and out of the area.

7. Current affordable housing provision in the Vale of Glamorgan's rural communities.

8. Number of people in rural communities in technical housing need.

9. Local housing requirements – what local people need and want.

"This study will largely provide numerical information to inform the council's housing and planning strategies, but we would also like to get a wider sense of why people might move to or leave communities, what will make them sustainable and attitudes towards the availability and development of affordable housing at a local level in rural areas."

The council is also running a Creating Rural Communities questionnaire on housing and planning strategies.

News from the Fonmon Apiary

FAIR weather and an abundance of oilseed rape in my locality, means that the bees here at Fonmon are now being into their stride.

The queens are stepping up their egg laying and, of course, drones (males) are now being produced. As each new season gets under way, drones are produced in order that they can mate with any virgin queens that may be in their area.

this is their sole purpose in life; they do not have a sting and therefore cannot help in any defence of the colony. They have no wax-making ability; and they do not go out foraging at all. Come the latter part of the year, the ladies of the hive (the workers) will bump them off as they will not be needed at all.

Any drone that does mate with a queen will also die, as when the mating is completed, the queen bee will pull herself free and in so doing, will divest the drone of his reproductive organs, leaving him to drop to the ground and die (they mate on the wing). The queen will repeat this process with many drones.

At this time of the year, swarming is an activity that the beekeeper may well have to deal with and, as it is the way that honey bees keep their species going, there is not much the beekeeper can do, except to hope he/she can sue it to their advantage.

The observant beekeeper will see signs which will indicate that swarming is on the agenda and hopefully will have a contingency plan to deal with this seasonal occurrence.

This month, Barbara Chick and myself will be attending a three-day queen rearing course in an effort to improve our beekeeping ability and knowledge. Thanks to the activity of the Varroa mite and other associated diseases, the loss of bees has become all too obvious.

Media coverage has brought about much interest in beekeeping and many aspiring beekeepers cannot obtain bees and get to grips with what is quite a fascinating hobby.

In the event of our queen rearing venture coming to fruition, it is our aim to produce queens in enough numbers to enable us to start nucleus hives (small ones) that can be used by aspiring beekeepers to then start their own apiary.

Our hives at Dyffryn Gardens are progressing very well and thanks to the presence of large heather beds within the garden complex, the bees have got off to an early start. Oilseed rape can be seen in the locale and without a doubt, the bees will take advantage of the bounty is has to offer.

At Dyffryn earlier this month, Barbara and myself attended a symposium entitled 'Bees and gardens', attended by gardeners form many gardens throughout the country.

All have, or intend to, introduce honey bees into their respective sites with some form of public access and educational content.

All in all, this year seems to be going smoothly and Barbara and I are happy enough with the bees and their welfare to date.

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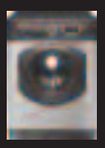

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WE ALL NEED TO KEEP SUPPORT FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH CARERS IN MIND

LEFT: The Rainbow Centre in Llantwit Major has launched a campaign to improve mental health care in the workplace.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by ***Jane Hutt AM*** **(Minister for Business and Budget)**

AS we address the pressures on our public services, we must put mental health at the forefront by standing up for people with mental health needs and their carers, who do not always have a strong voice.

This week is Mind week, and when I visited the Rainbow Centre in Llantwit Major on Friday I signed up to their campaign theme for 2010 '*Taking care of business*' urging employers and employees to make their workplaces more mentally healthy.

Each year, one in six workers experiences depression, anxiety and stress as a direct result of problems at work which can lead to lifelong ill-health unless they are addressed.

The Travellers in Mind cafe and gallery at Barry Town station has been raising awareness all week with commuters on the importance of looking after your mental health.

The Rainbow Centre also has a relaxation session tomorrow, May 21, at 3pm. For further information on the campaign, contact 01446 730792.

This links closely to the work of Hafal, who support patients and families recovering from serious mental illness with a recovery programme and support for carers offered in the Vale at the Amy Evans Centre. I visited their *Road to Recovery* VW microbus during the Hafal visit to King's Square in Barry last week. Many people were stopping by to enjoy the Caribbean theme of the exhibition but also to discuss their needs and concerns.

One in four people experience mental ill health, so there are very few people who are not affected. Like Mind, Hafal also campaigns to raise our understanding of mental health and to make sure government listens to those who need good services. The Hafal campaign includes a call to protect mental health services and to ensure that in future all mental health services are developed and delivered in response to individuals' care plans.

We have new Welsh laws coming forward to address mental health needs, and organisations like Hafal and Mind, as well as all those who work in the NHS and local authorities in mental health services, know how important it is that we protect and develop these services.

Services for people who have dementia also need strong campaigns to ensure that needs are addressed and services improved.

The Health and Social Services Minister wrote to Assembly Members last week and gave a statement to the Assembly about the next steps for a dementia plan for Wales.

She has been liaising with the Dementia Task and Finish Group to discuss priority areas. These included:

1. Improved services provision through better joint working across health, social services, social care, third sector and other agencies.

2. Improved diagnosis and timely interventions.

3. Improved access to better information and support for people with dementia and their carers, including the need for advocacy and improved training for those delivering care.

As the Assembly Member for the Vale of Glamorgan, I have been very involved in supporting the residents and relatives affected by the proposed closure of the Bryneithin Care Home in Dinas Powys.

In March, the Vale Council announced that the closure of Bryneithin would not proceed as planned. I wrote to the Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, to ask for her advice about the proposed closure. She replied to me last week saying: "My understanding is that the authority's decision to close Bryneithin stands but will not proceed while it continues to meet the needs of current permanent residents who choose to remain there."

While I welcome the decision not to close Bryneithin for the residents remaining there in a care environment they are familiar with and benefit from, I have raised my concerns, as have the relatives, about the Vale Council's decision not to offer temporary contracts and respite for the many people with dementia who need these services.

It does not make sense not to use Bryneithin for these purposes while it remains open.

We have requested information from the Vale Council about the total number of elderly mentally infirm (EMI) permanent and respite beds throughout the Vale. We await the reply.

There are many excellent services in the community provided by Crossroads and Red Cross. A recent visit to meet the Alzheimer's Society and their Vale group at the Age Concern Shop in Holton Road, showed how vital these services are to so many people, including those at a comparatively young age in our community, but a range of specialist services is needed with support for carers and advocacy as part of that provision.

Addressing mental health needs is likely to affect us all at any age, in our families and communities. We must stand up for those who do not have a strong voice as we seek to protect our mental health public services.

Bro Radio's Steve's birthday surprise

...and The GEM goes live!

LOCAL Bro Radio station manager Steve Powell celebrated his 50th birthday in style with a surprise visit to Cardiff Airport to broadcast from the terminal.

On his way to work, Steve received a phone call live on air from presenter Matthew Wilson asking him to turn around and head for the airport.

The aviation enthusiast celebrated his birthday by playing music in the terminal and chatting to passengers heading off to sunnier climates.

The presenter was given a birthday cake during the show and was taken on a tour behind the scenes following the broadcast, including a visit to the airport's air traffic control tower to meet the NATS team in charge at Cardiff.

Steve said of his visit: "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the airport and it was great to try something different and to do a live broadcast from such an unusual location.

"I have a passion for aviation and therefore was over the moon when I got the call to head for the airport.

"It was a fantastic surprise and a wonderful way to celebrate my birthday with all our listeners."

Bro Radio began transmitting on March 31, 2009, broadcasting a mix of music and chat for the Vale. The station reaches listeners in Barry, Penarth and other parts of the Vale.

GEM live on air!

Every Thursday morning, Bro Radio listeners can get a sneak peek at what is in the week's GEM when Gareth Jamieson joins Matthew Wilson to pick out highlights on the breakfast show just after 9am – so make sure to tune in!

CAT OF THE WEEK

Billy is in need of a home

BILLY is a six-year-old neutered male who was brought into the Cats Protection at Bryncethin centre because his owners were moving and couldn't take him with them.

He is a handsome chap with a lovely friendly nature and will make a fine family pet. He has lived with children, cats and dogs so would settle very easily in a new home.

He has been with us since January because he was poorly when he first arrived, but has now been given the all-clear by the vet.

Billy is a big favourite with all of us at the centre and we would love to see him settled in a new home.

"For more information, call us on 01656 724396," said Bridgend adoption centre manager Sue Dobbs.

There are more than 250 cats and kittens looking for homes at the centre at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, CF32 9UJ.

Billy has had the all clear

FAMILY WALK

THIS Sunday (May 23) as part of celebrations to mark 75 years of the Ramblers, Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers group are holding a family-friendly fun three-mile historic walk in Llantwit Major.

Starting at the train station at 11am, they will be taking a short walk around the historic sites in Llantwit.

The walk is also pushchair and wheelchair friendly.

We welcome your news: email ***ggem@inter-net-today.co.uk***

Do any GEM readers in the Vale hold a piece of Principality history?

THE Principality Building Society celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and the company will be marking the occasion with a series of events and charity and community initiatives throughout the year.

Founded in Cardiff in March 1860, when the population of the city was less than 33,000, the aims of the society are the same today as they were then – to help the people of Wales to save and buy their own homes.

Today, with the population of the Welsh capital almost 10 times what it was in 1860, Principality has 51 branches, more than 500,000 members, and is proud to be the biggest building society in Wales – at the heart of and serving communities right across the nation.

In our special anniversary year, we would love to hear the Principality stories and memories of people, be they savers, borrowers or former members of staff who have all helped to write our history so far.

Maybe Principality helped you save for a special day, a major buy, or your very first home. Whatever we achieved together, we would love you to share your Principality memories with us.

Please write to Principality Building Society, Memory Appeal, Marketing Department, PO Box 89, Cardiff CF10 5NS or email 150celebrations@principality.co.uk or drop into the local branch in Caroline Street and speak to one of our friendly staff.

Sue Parks, Anne Jones, Susan Dobbinson (Bridgend, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge branch managers)

'Appalled' by all the litter in the Vale...

LAST weekend, I walked to Cosmeston via St Mary's Well Bay Road, with a visiting friend, who is French.

He was appalled at the amount of rubbish he saw strewn around, saying that this would not be likely in his country and didn't the Welsh appreciate their country enough to keep it free of litter?

Come on Wales, get your act together and stop spoiling what is essentially a beautiful country!

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Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club news

Book sale and family fun day will be next events

WITH summer now rapidly approaching, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club are looking to raise substantial funds for the various good causes that they support, as well as promoting other local organisations and youth activities.

Fundraising got off to a good start when the club attended the Porthcawl Lions May Day event with their now famous burger stall and Ring-a- Bells.

This Saturday (May 22) the club will be outside Lloyds Bank in Llantwit Major with their regular book sale. The book sale is always a popular event and relies not only on the public coming along to support the event, but also on donations of books from various sources, for which the Lions are always very grateful.

June 19 will see the Lions holding their family fun day on the rugby field in Llantwit Major.

This event will not only provide vital funds for the Lions, but all for the other organisations taking part.

The event promises to be bigger than previous years, with more attractions and more organisations taking part.

The Lions are also looking for young people between the ages of 15 and 18, who would like to take part in the Lions 'Young Ambassador' scheme; with the opportunity to win a total bursary of £1,500 to be spent on a project that they are involved in with the local or wider community. For more details, visit the youth page on the Lions website for more details.

For more information about the Lions, or details of these events visit the club website at www.llantwitmajorandcowbridgelions.org.uk or telephone 0845 8336763.

DAVID EDWARDS

Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service is holding donor sessions in the area next month.

June 1, Highlight Community Centre, Stirling Road, Barry, 10am-6pm.

June 8, Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

Contact 0800 252266 or visit www.welsh-blood.org.uk.

Local author discusses 'controversial' best-seller

WHEN local author Belinda Bauer heard that the Old Hall, Cowbridge reading group had chosen her debut novel, *Blacklands* for their April read, she was more than willing to join their discussion of her controversial book, at the meeting.

Based in Exmoor, *Blacklands* is the story of a young boy whose search for the body of his child–uncle leads him to correspond with the notorious serial killer, who it is assumed, murdered him 18 years ago.

Belinda explained that inspiration for the novel came when she saw the mother of a child who had been murdered many years before on TV, and started to wonder about the impact of such crimes and how they affect people for years, lifetimes -– maybe even generations.

After a lively debate, it became apparent that although many in the group found parts of the book quite disturbing, it was generally agreed that it was an original, thought-provoking read; and that Belinda's aim, to focus our minds on the consequences of these terrible crimes for victims' families, had certainly been successful.

Belinda is very articulate and amusing and she provided a fascinating and informative glimpse into the demanding life of an author.

Blacklands is already a best seller and has had many excellent reviews. It was also featured on Channel 4's TV book club.

On behalf of the Old Hall Reading Group, the leader of the group, Jackie Harris, thanked Belinda for joining the discussion and wished her success with her next novel *Darklands* which will be published in 2011. She also expressed a hope that Belinda would visit the group again, in the future.

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Cowbridge primary pupils visit local bowling green

Year-5 pupils from Y Bont Faen at Cowbridge Bowling Club.

COWBRIDGE junior bowlers recently started their season,which will run throughout the summer and end on September 12.

For several years now, children from Y Bont Faen and Llangan primary schools have been visiting the green for a short introduction to the game of bowls.

MB

Cowbridge choir sings for Croatian children

FOLLOWING its recent eventful concert trip to Northampton last Saturday, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir followed the M4 in the opposite direction to sing at a special concert in St Teilo's Church, Llandeilo.

The purpose was to raise money for a Croatian children's home for war orphans, a cause energetically promoted by Llandeilo antiques dealer James Ash, an acquaintance of Cowbridge chorister Glyn Jones.

In recent years, St Teilo's Church, with its superb acoustics, has become well-known as the main venue for the town's annual Festival of Music and Flowers, which attracts artists of the calibre of Sir Willard White, who headlined at last year's festival.

The concert programme was shared with renowned Llandeilo-based painter Andrew Douglas Forbes, who happens to have a parallel existence in Italy as an operatic tenor, having performed with opera companies in Rome and Venice.

In addition, the audience was charmed by the remarkably accomplished Teilo Sant Children's Choir, who are busy preparing for this year's National Urdd Eisteddfod in Aberaeron in July.

For Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, the concert was perfectly timed to add a final polish to its programme for the 40th anniversary concert this Saturday at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm) in Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

For ticket enquiries call 01446 772454/ 773422.

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MP's surgeries

ALUN CAIRNS, the Vale's new Member of Parliament, will be holding a surgery in Cowbridge:

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YOUNG VALE MUSICIANS MAKE OXJAM CHARITY EVENT A BIG HIT IN COWBRIDGE

ABOVE: Mared Furnham played early classical music on the cello.

FAR LEFT: Don played the blues.

LEFT: Asha Fletcher-Peters performed a number of musical theatre standards.

FAR LEFT: Amy was on hand to paint the children's faces.

LEFT: Non played some of her own composi-tions.

ABOVE: Local children from the drama school 'Stage Camp' entertained the gathering.

PHOTOGRAPHS by ELEANOR ROLLASON

YOUNG musicians from around the Vale came to Cowbridge recently for 'Oxjam' a charity event to raise funds for Oxfam.

Professor Heidi Mirza travelled from London to compere the event and 11 acts in all, from classical to folk, played all afternoon at the Living Café, raising a grand total of £333.95.

The newly-formed ladies singing group, 'Belladonna' gave their first public performance at the Oxjam. They are due to give a full concert in Cowbridge Town Hall on Friday, July 2, with cellist Mary Elliott (tickets from the Living Cafe).

A spokeswoman for the organisers said: "Many thanks to all the performers who gave of their time and their talents.

"Also, thanks to Amy who kept the children entertained with her face painting, and to the Oxfam volunteers for their bucket collecting."

'Provide the information and end cloak of secrecy' – says an Assembly Member

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Welsh Assembly Member has claimed victory over the Vale Council in a freedom of information row.

Following an appeal, Leanne Wood, the Plaid Cymru AM for South Wales Central, welcomed a ruling by the Information Commissioner that the council should release full information on the costs of employing education consultants.

She has now called on the local authority to end what she regards as "the secrecy" over the issue, following an investigation and a 25-page judgement by Assistant Commissioner Anne Jones.

Ms Wood lodged the appeal under the Freedom of Information Act after the Vale Council, while disclosing the £46,000 bill for employing two consultants Dewi Jones and Celia Butler in 2008-09, refused to say how many days each of them was employed for, and what each of them was paid, citing "commercial interests of other parties".

In her judgement, Anne Jones said: "*The council did not provide the commissioner with any firm arguments to support its view that the disclosure would be likely to prejudice the consultants' or the council's own interests*."

She also pointed out: "*There is a strong public interest in transparency in relation to the use of public money and ensuring that public authorities are achieving the best price for work that it outsourced to external companies*."

She ruled that the council breached and incorrectly applied six sections of the Freedom of Information Act, including failing to provide the information within 20 days.

Anne Jones said the authority should provide the information requested within 35 days. Failure by the authority to do so could lead to the council facing High Court action.

The Assistant Commissioner also expressed concern that an internal review asked for by Leanne Wood took more than 50 working days to be completed.

She said that the review should not take more than 20 working days and in exceptional cases no longer than 40 working days.

Leanne Wood said: "I welcome this decision by the Information Commissioner, who has ruled the public should be entitled to details of the way the authority spends public money.

"I hope the Vale Council will, as a matter of urgency, provide the information requested and end the cloak of secrecy.

"People have a right to know how much of their money the authority is paying for these consultancy services – was it £500, £750 or £1,000 a day?

"At best it shows the council did not have a grasp of the operation of the Freedom of Information Act. At worst it will be seen as an attempt by the council to cover up what it paid consultants for a day's work."

The Vale Council's legal director, Peter Evans, commented: "Ms Wood was provided with a breakdown of the work undertaken by the consultants and the total cost. This demonstrated our commitment to transparency and public accountability, as it allowed Ms Wood to scrutinise the costs against the work undertaken.

"We had grave concerns with regard to release of further information. One of the consultants had written to us to say that they considered the release would breach the Data Protection Act and the bills submitted by the other consultant contained personal details including his address, bank account number and sort code. In the circumstances the council would not have released further information without the authority of the Information Commissioner.

"Since the decision notice, the commissioner's office has confirmed that the bank details should not be released. The council will now inform the consultants of the decision notice and the appeals process with regard to the remaining information."

Mr Evans pointed out: "The Freedom of Information Act has been in operation for nearly five and a half years and in that time only four decisions, out of more than 1,500 requests received, have been made against the council by the commissioner."

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

TO celebrate the end of the 1939-45 World War, the Ewenny Community Council planted a tree on the grass verge in Corntown to mark the occasion on May 8.

Friends of the Heritage Coast held their Annual General Meeting at the Heritage Centre, Dunraven Bay on May 9.

The new audiovision room was open for display. membership of the Friends remains stable.

It was reported that vandalism is still a problem in the are and the Quarella Stone parapet stones up in the castle grounds have been vandalised.

To conclude the meeting, Ranger Paul Dunn gave an interesting slide show of the work carried out by the Rangers along the coast and refreshments were taken.

It was noted that Paul is to run the Three Peaks Race in aid of the Macmillan charity and we wish him every success.

ON May 11, St Brides Major branch of the Mothers' Union was host to the Bridgend Deanery Festival at St Bridget's Church with the St Brides Major Primary School choir. After the service, refreshments were served at the Primary School.

ON Ascension Day (May 13), children of St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School took part in a morning Eucharist at St Bridget's. A Eucharist service with hymns took place in the evening.

WICK Horticultural Society travelled to the Malvern Spring Flower show on May 9, which is an annual event for the society.

AT the annual general meeting of the St Brides Major Community Council, new officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Geof Gaen, Vice-chairman - Allan Morgan, and for the various committees.

THE funeral took place on May 17 at St Bridget's Church of Enid (nee´ Howe), late of Heol-y-Mynydd, daughter of well known and respected old family of the area. Condolences to all the family.

Barry College sets Venezualan student on a new career...

A VENEZUALAN student has been set on a career in engineering with a Bridgend firm, after completing a computer-aided design course at Barry College.

Christina Moreau.

Cristina Moreau came to the UK to study English after gaining a degree in engineering, contacted Barry College and enrolled on the computer-aided design (CAD) course.

"I've really enjoyed the course," said Cristina (26) who now lives in Penarth.

After the course, Cristina found work at Bridgend-based TB Davies through Barry College, via the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme.

TB Davies started off as a small engineering firm six years ago that now employs 75 people and regularly features in the Fast Growth 50, a barometer of entrepreneurship in Wales.

It mainly designs and constructs ground support equipment in the form of access at height systems, cargo handling systems and passenger stairs for airlines across the world, and the Ministry of Defence.

Bridge clubs' results

VALE of Glamorgan bridge club, May 10:

1st Debbie and Simon Richards 66.25 per cent; 2nd John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 65.21 per cent; 3rd Sue Norris and Sue Summerhayes 60.21 per cent; 4th David Wright and John Raymond. 60.00 per cent; 5th Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 59.17 per cent; 6th Mike Best and Kevin Maddox. 56.04 per cent.

COWBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB MAY 11: 1st Terri Pollard and David Wright 59.92 per cent; 2nd Myrtle Hansard and Margaret Bancroft 59.52 per cent; 3rd Mary Thomas and John Ireson 56.35 per cent; 4th Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 55.95 per cent; 5th Pat and Brian Swain 53.17 per cent; 6th Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 52.38 per cent.

Please note that the club has now returned to the renovated Llanbleddian Church Hall and reverted to the normal start time of 7.30pm.

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St Cyres girls' engineering award success

SIX talented female physics students from St Cyres Sixth Form were celebrating being awarded a top engineering prize, at a recent award ceremony held in the Celtic Manor Resort.

Competing against 55 teams from schools across south Wales, Rachel Davidson, Eleri Morgan, Ivy Li, Eheda Hassan, Teri Crooker, Becky Coombes and Cerri-Anne Santos took the top prize for the 'Most effective presentation of a solution'.

The Engineering Education Scheme in Wales teamed St Cyres with Barry-based chemical company Dow Corning.

Every three years, the plant has a complete shutdown, during which almost 400 control valves are dismantled and checked for faults.

Site engineer Stephen Morath challenged the girls to find a way to identify faults on these valves without having to remove them from the site or take them apart.

Their successful presentation of a solution earned the team a cash prize of £50 each and £200 for the science faculty.

The faculty director, Theresa Garn, was delighted with the girls' achievement:

She said: "This is only the second time we have entered this prestigious competition. We were delighted to achieve a highly commended last year, but the girls have raised the bar and excelled this year.

"They have gained invaluable experience and this accolade will undoubtedly help them with their future university applications."

Teenager shows 'remorse' over tablet possession

by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE who went to a house in Bridgend found a young man in possession of 10 ecstasy tablets, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Also found was drugs paraphernalia. Nathan Richards (19) of Maesteg accepted that the ecstasy tablets were for his personal use.

Richards had pleaded guilty before Bridgend magistrates of possessing the drugs and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was made subject to a community order, and a supervision order for one year. In addition, he was ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work in the community.

Judge Chistopher Llewellyn-Jones warned him: "If you don't comply with these orders you will be back here very quickly."

Richards' counsel Morwen Williams said: "He is willing to comply with any community sentence.

"It was not a large number of tablets and he has expressed real remorse."

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'A proud and emotional day'

Vale policeman receives award from the Queen

by TIM CHAPMAN

ASSISTANT Chief Constable Bob Evans, who was born and bred in the Vale, has received a major decoration from the Queen.

Mr Evans received his Queen's Police Medal in recognition of a distinguished policing career spanning 28 years.

He told The GEM: "The investiture took place at Windsor Castle. It was a proud and emotional day – I was able to take my wife, son and daughter who have been such a support throughout my career.

"Afterwards, we had a convivial family gathering in London with my parents, aunts, uncles and cousins from the Vale."

Mr Evans' roots are deep in the Vale. His father's family were from Llanharry, his mother's from Llysworney and he grew up in Gileston – his parents still live nearby – and he attended Llantwit Major Comprehensive School

ABOVE: Bob Evans on the big day with his wife Ceri, son Lloyd, and daughter, Llinos-Wyn.

He joined the police force as a cadet at the age of 16 and in his late teenage years walked the beat in Barry, Barry Island and Llantwit Major.

Mr Evans served as a chief inspector in Neath, and later held two divisional commands, Swansea North and Cardiff.

His career has meant working throughout Wales and England, and from 2001- 2002, he inspected 21 police divisions in the space of 24 months!

After three years as the police commander of Cardiff, he left in 2007 and graduated from the UK Police Strategic Command Course.

He was seconded to the Home Office in 2008 as an assistant chief constable in the action programme tackling knife crime.

He is currently an assistant chief constable seconded to the Ministry of Justice advising on policing matters and the relationship between the prison service and police service throughout Wales and England.

Despite working in London, Mr Evans' commitment to the Vale is as strong as ever – he serves as a governor at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry

He said: "I am immensely proud of my Vale and south Wales links and I always take a more than keen interest in what is happening there."

Family's tribute to Penarth 11-year-old:

'Glen was a wonderful, beautiful, happy boy'

A heartbreaking tribute has been paid to Glen Freaney, the 11-year-old boy from Penarth, who died following an incident at the Sky Plaza Hotel in Rhoose over the weekend.

Glen's family said: "*Glen was a wonderful, beautiful, happy boy; our family are extremely proud of him, especially for his achievements, despite his condition.*

"It cannot be underestimated how much Glen was loved by all of us. He has deeply touched us during his time with us. We are all devastated by this tragedy."

The family added: "Glen will be deeply missed by all of us and will constantly be in our thoughts."

The head teacher at Ashgrove School in Penarth Chris Britten, said: "Glen will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was a lively character always on the go and interested in everything around him.

"His love of drawing led to a prize from the mayor earlier this year. Indeed, anything or anyone standing still for long enough would soon become part of Glen's art work!

"Glen was at his happiest when playing outside on the bikes and scooters with boundless energy.

"He thoroughly enjoyed watching all types of transport especially lorries and fire engines, which would result in him jumping with excitement.

"Glen was a huge part of Ashgrove. He was mischievous and loveable and will be remembered by staff and pupils with great fondness.

ABOVE: Glen: "Mischievous and loveable."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Glen's family as they, like us, struggle to come to terms with our loss."

The police have provided trained family liaison officers to Glen's family while an investigation continues into the circumstances surrounding his death.

Detective Chief Inspector Richard Jones of South Wales Police said: "I would like to appeal to the public who may have witnessed Glen at the Sky Plaza Hotel in the last week, to contact us, as they may hold vital information.

"If you have been a resident at the hotel, have seen Glen in the last week or you believe you have information relevant to the investigation, please contact us on 01656 679 585 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

A major incident room has been set up at Bridgend Police Station.

Glen's mother Yvonne Freaney (48) has been charged with his murder. On Tuesday (May 18) she appeared at Cardiff Crown Court where she was remanded to Bridgend's Caswell Clinic under the Mental Health Act.

The case has been listed for June 14.

Teddy bears for the high jump!

ST CADOC'S Church (Old village), Cadoxton, Barry is again holding a sponsored Teddy Bear parachute jump on Sunday, May 23, at 2pm.

Each participating bear will undergo a medical in the state of the art first aid tent prior to their jump to ensure they are fit to fly, and on safe landing will be awarded a well-deserved certificate of bravery.

All parachutes are provided. There will be a prize for the best dressed child's and adult's bear.

If you have a bear that would dare, sponsor forms are now available from St Cadoc's (Old Village) Church, Cadoxton, or telephone 01446 749689. The event will also include a barbecue.

The parishioners of St Cadoc's and St Mary's churches take part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal, and last year were able to send more than 500 gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in eastern Europe.

For some this would be the only gift received at Christmas time. We hope to raise as much money as possible to enable us to reach even more children this Christmas.

All proceeds from this event are in aid of the Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal.

PACT meetings

CASTLELAND PACT, Civic Offices, Holton Road, on May 24 at 7pm.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, on May 25 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, on May 26, at 3pm.

COURT PACT, The Scout Hall, Illminster Street, on May 27 at 7.30pm

WICK/ST BRIDES Coffee & Chat, Lamb & Flag public house, on May 19 at 10am.

BONVILSTON Coffee & Chat, Red Lion Public House, on May 27 at 11.30am.

YSTRADOWEN Coffee & Chat, White Lion Public House, June 1, at 11.30am.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, on June 1, at 7pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Church Hall, on June 2, at 6pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Way, next to the Spar, on May 20 between 2pm-4pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre Car Park, on May 22 between 2.30pm-5pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, TESCO, Penarth Marina, Car Park, on May 28 between 2pm-4pm.

STANWELL PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, on May 28 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, on June 7 at 7pm.

Mountain climbers tackle a real charity challenge

GLAMORGAN Heritage Coast principal ranger Paul Dunn and estate worker Neil Baxter are pulling on their boots to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking on the challenge of The Welsh 3000s.

Today (Thursday) they will be scaling all 14 Snowdonia peaks of more than 3,000 feet in just 24 hours.

The challenge began at first light from the top of Snowdon and should finish on the top of Foel Fras in the Carneddau, a distance of 26 miles (horizontally) and 10,000 ft (up!).

They then have to descend from the summit and walk a further four miles back to civilisation. The pair are being supported by Neil's wife Deanne, who will be acting as their 'base camp' from the comfort of her B&B, and meeting them at strategic points with food, water and fresh clothes.

Paul is a seasoned walker but Neil's excuse is that this is part of his mid-life crisis on reaching the big 40 later this year!

Sue Pickin, fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Support said: "We are extremely grateful to Paul and Neil for undertaking such a daunting challenge on our behalf."

Anyone wishing to support Paul and Neil with a donation can do so by going to their just giving webpages www.justgiving.com/paul-dunnheritagecoast or www.justgiving.com/Neil-BaxterOhNoNearly4-0

CCTV arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with seven arrests and one missing person in the week ending May 16.

It contacted the police on 26 occasions, with one arrest made on May 14 involving possession of Class B drugs with intent to supply (Gibbonsdown, Barry).

Four arrests were made on May 15; the first at Holton Road concerned criminal damage to a vehicle, while another was made at High Street, Barry, for a public order offence. Two people were also arrested at Holton Road over a shoplifting offence that had taken place the day before.

Two arrests were made on May 16 – over public order (Station approach, Penarth) and another involving criminal damage (High Street, Barry).

In addition, one missing person was found in Gibbonsdown on May 11.

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Don't risk your lottery winnings or inheritance

Unfortunately, many people do not consider their situation to be complicated enough to warrant a Court Order so sort out matters informally between themselves. That's fine whilst you are still friendly, but you never know what might happen in the future and how you or they might feel for example when one of you enters into a new relationship, gets a big inheritance or wins the lottery! Even changes in house prices or the value of pensions and investments might change the way you or they feel about a previously agreed financial settlement.

All too often divorced individuals find themselves in the unwelcome position of having to deal with 'fresh' claims some time after separation. Even if these claims are ultimately unsuccessful, without a Clean Break Order in place, you will still have the cost and hassle of dealing with the application.

Agree yes, but get it in writing

The most constructive and cost effective way to reach any financial agreement with your ex is always to try to agree as much as possible between yourselves and family lawyers will certainly not discourage you from doing this. However it is imperative that, once you have reached an agreement with your ex, you take legal advice to ensure that agreement is turned into a Clean Break Order that binds both of you. In many situations, your lawyer may be able to do this work for you, at a fixed fee.

Without a formal written agreement your ex can make a claim at any time! Always ensure that there is a financial 'Clean Break' between you and your ex with a Clean Break Order.

To make matters even more complex there are circumstances where it may not be in your best interests to agree a clean break. Where children are involved for example or there's a large pension or investment due to mature. Sometimes in these circumstances a Deferred Clean Break Order can be used. As always it's best to take professional advice before making any decisions.

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Sleepwalking their way into supporting the Ty Hafan hospice

THE atmosphere really began to build in the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, recently.

No it wasn't a late evening rugby international – but a gathering of 1,000 pyjama-clad females readying themselves to start the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk 2010.

The girls from Curves, who had around 35 members from around Bridgend and the Vale taking part, put all the walkers through their paces to warm up their muscles for the rigours ahead.

In the minutes leading up to midnight, the noise of 1,000 ladies rivalled that of the crowd cheering the Welsh team on to the pitch.

Leading the ladies, all in flashing bunny ears and carrying wands, was Ty Hafan's own director of care, Jayne Saunders, who had been in serious training for the event.

One participant was Hazel Strickland, whose grand-daughter Olivia has been going to Ty Hafan for several years.

Hazel wasn't able to actually walk the route, but instead was being pushed around by Olivia's mum Tessa, while grandad Gerry was outside the stadium, helping out as a volunteer marshal.

The walkers came from as far afield as Anglesey, Aberystwyth and Chepstow, as well as from over the border in England.

"On behalf of the life-limited children, young people and their families who depend on Ty Hafan for comfort, care and support, I would like to thank everyone who took part in the walk, as well as our sponsors and event volunteers" commended Owain Cassidy, of Ty Hafan.

The event was sponsored by Foresters and Welsh Women Walking, a like-minded group of business ladies who recently scaled Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the charity.

RIGHT: Hannah Wilcox, Leah Squibbs, Tricia East (from Curves Cowbridge and Bridgend).

Schools continue to pave their 'yellow brick road'

FOR many years, the Vale Council has promoted the national schools Yellow Pages recycling project, but earlier this year the national event was put on hold.

With the yellow phone books continuing to be delivered to the Vale, the council stepped in to make sure that the popular project still went ahead.

Coun Geoff Cox, the cabinet member for visible and building services, said: "Thirty five Vale schools joined the project, in which pupils brought old Yellow Pages into school and the council collected them for recycling.

"This popular scheme helps us promote the recycling message in our 'What's in your bin?' campaign, and on behalf of all the schools involved, I'd like to thank you for your support."

St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School in Barry again won top honours in the scheme, with a total of 843 directories collected – with each pupil bringing in just under five books!

Llancarfan Primary School was delighted to take second place with three directories collected per pupil, while Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School scooped the bronze position.

News of the schools' recycling success reached the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, who was keen to meet the young recycling stars.

He said: "I was delighted to host a celebration event to recognise and thank the schools for their hard work. It was a pleasure to meet Vale youngsters so keen on recycling. Well done and thank you to all involved in the project."

For more information on recycling, visit the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle; email visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone 01446 700111.

LEFT: Llancarfan Primary School pupils, who scooped the second prize

ABOVE: Pupils from St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School, who took first prize, with the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams

Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School pupils receive their certificate for third place from Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams

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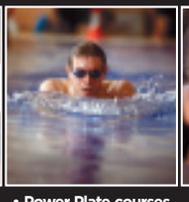

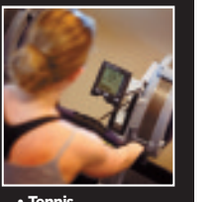

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The Holy Cross church promises 'special time'

ON Sunday, May 23 ,at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, families are being invited to a "special time of fun and worship."

Canon Derek Belcher, Rector of Cowbridge, explained that it was very much a community event: "The church is a place where anyone can drop in and be accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend."

"At the end of the service, balloons will be let off to celebrate our personal joy on this occasion, and we will be sharing a Family Birthday cake."

Ernest and Hazel Coates are organising the event, with Canon Belcher and parish warden Pamela Roberts.

Hazel Coates said: "We really want to be available and support to families and individuals in our community."

Ernest has written a song for the worship sung to '*Frere Jacques*'. "I found it quite challenging, but enjoyable to recall the experience of that first Pentecost in suitable words that could be sung by everyone.

"The musicians are looking forward to playing for this event," he added.

The family service will become a regular event at the church. Pamela Roberts said, "This is part of our working with and for the community of Cowbridge. We already have facilities for young children during the week and our Sunday club.

"Our Sunday evenings also feature an active youth club. You may have already heard about this, with young people being involved in doing community work in Cowbridge and Cardiff through Ignite Hope."

Island PACT call

PLAID Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson, is asking South Wales Police and the Vale Council to consider a separate PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) for Barry Island.

He pointed out, "At present, the Island is part of the Baruc ward PACT, which includes other areas of the town's West End, including the Garden Suburb, Romilly Park, Knap and Harbour Road areas.

"The needs and concerns of residents of Barry Island are very different to other parts of Barry, so it is right that they have a forum which is more immediately responsive to those needs," he insisted.

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The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre.
(Telephone 01656 725219)

William just needs a patient owner...

THIS week: William.

A spokeswoman reports "One year old William is a sharp and active little dog with a lot of potential.

"Sadly, he has been returned to us twice, due to his lack of social skills around other dogs. He has been undergoing training and is improving, but his new owners will need to be prepared to continue his training.

"He loves mixing with other dogs and will need further socialising with them on a regular basis; he just needs careful introductions."

Type of home needed: "He needs an experienced owner willing to continue his training and socialising. He can live with older children (14 years and over).

"He isn't suitable with cats or small furries. His new owner will need to visit him a few times at the centre and be prepared to undertake a few training sessions with him and the training and behaviour advisor".

WILLIAM.

Dog show

THE Dogs Trust annual summer fete and fun dog show is taking place on Sunday, July 4, at Margam Country Park (Twyn yr Hydd House entrance); 11am-4pm. Fun day out for all the family. Telephone 01656 724598.

Scouts take up Merlin's challenges at Campalot!

Battle charge!

SCOUTS from St Athan, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, held a three-day district camp recently when 150 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and 30 adult leaders and parents gathered at their local Scout campsite in Peterstone-Super-Ely.

'Campalot' had a medieval theme based around King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and youngsters wore home-made costumes, swords and shields, while some of the bigger youngsters also joined in.

'Merlin's Challenges' were given out: teams of youngsters were made up spanning the age ranges of Scouting (ages 6-18) and 'groats' could be earned.

These were then taken to 'Merlin's Cave' to be put on a leader board marking everyone's progress, aiming to win Merlin's prize.

The events included jousting, swords and shields, twist making in hell-fires kitchen, tug-o-war, sedan chair racing, trash band, craft tent and skritter ball (two footballs joined together played on a square pitch).

As Campalot started on May 1, a traditional May Pole was set up.

A mock 'battle charge', where 150 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in costume charged several times across the field, was an "awesome sight", said Simon Miskin, the district commissioner for the Vale, aka King Arthur.

The whole district joined in a campfire circle, a Scout tradition where everyone can join in songs, perform sketches and reflect on the day's events around an open fire.

The Beaver Scouts then left for a sleepover in Cowbridge Scout hall to rejoin the main camp the next morning.

On the Sunday morning, Scouts read out prayers they had written the previous day, celebrated the patron saint of Scouting, St George, and continued making merry with Merlin's challenges.

During the tent pitching competition, canvas was unfolded, poles put together and guy lines tightened to the sound of wooden pegs being struck by mallets.

Cubs from 1st Cowbridge Impala pack won the Cub section and Scouts from the 1st Llantwit Major won the Scout section of the tent pitching and were rewarded with a Cup and Shield respectively.

Scouts from the 1st Llantwit Major Troop had the final edge in a cooking competition with their dessert; a composition of pineapple and pear served with cream, drizzled with melted chocolate and finally sprinkled with grated orange zest.

A well-deserved shield was presented to the team.

The closing ceremony signified the end of the camp, when trophies and prizes were given out and everyone received a commemorative woggle.

King Arthur then gave everyone a Vale District Scout Camp 2010 badge, which they can wear on their uniform.

The badge represents the Round Table and has segments of the colours of the neckers worn by the groups within the district.

Contact Simon Miskin, district commissioner, vale@catvog.org, 01446796030 for further information about local scouting.

Cowbridge Seconds keep up good form

After last week's victory against Landore, with telling contributions from James Thomas with bat and ball (two wickets and 47 runs), and Jonty Webb with 61 not out, Cowbridge were keen to repeat the performance against Clydach on Saturday.

On a bright and breezy day, Jonty Webb won the toss and decided to bowl. The attack was again led by the dependable duo of Chris Cox and John Gilbert, with Gilbert striking early to remove the Clydach opener when the score was just 12.

Despite both bowling well, the score continued to rise and, with Clydach's captain coming to the wicket, the away side began to counter attack and runs began to flow.

At this point, the captain turned to Harri Collier and Dr Robert Carney, making a welcome return to Cowbridge cricket, to stem the runs. Both bowled superbly, holding a tight line and length that resulted in the batsmen being tied down.

Clydach finally finished on 174 all out, with Carney taking three wickets and John Gilbert an excellent four for 41 off his 15 overs.

Cowbridge opened their innings with the Finucane brothers, Andrew and Richard, who set about the total in a sensible fashion. Unfortunately, some excellent fielding from Clydach subsequently ran out Richard; the question over the guilty party in this incident will be discussed between the brothers for some time to come.

After this, Rob Carney joined Andrew at the wicket and both set about pushing the run rate along. Both batted excellently, running well between the wickets and punishing any bad deliveries. Andrew was eventually out for a well-made 36 and Jonty Webb joined Carney.

Runs continued to flow with Carney passing 50, eventually being caught behind for a well-made 72, a fantastic return on his second game back for the club.

As the score got closer to the target, Harri Collier joined Jonty Webb and the pair saw the side home with eight overs to spare. Harri scored a quick 13 and Jonty a steady 32 not out.

This was an excellent victory for Cowbridge and special mention must be made of George Gibson, George Brown and James Lister-Sims, making their debuts for the Second XI, with all three fielding particularly well. These two games and a consistent side bode well for the rest of the season.

JW

Conservation plans are unveiled for Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE residents are being urged to examine the latest conservation area plans for the town.

The report, entitled the Cowbridge and Llanblethian Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan, has been released in draft form by the Vale Council, after consultations with local groups.

Other areas in the Vale have already been assessed in a series of reports and in Llantwit Major, for instance, there have been objections.

Three representatives of local groups: Dick Buswell of the local history society; Luke Millar of Cowbridge Charter Trust; and Chris Pearce of the residents group told The GEM that the plans will create separate conservation areas for Cowbridge and Llanblethian, and change existing boundaries.

They also feel that the new rules will make it harder for residents to make minor alterations when in a conservation area, because an 'Article 4 direction order' will mean that planning permission will be needed in certain cases in the future, whereas at the moment it would not be necessary.

The draft plan is available for inspection in Cowbridge Library, Cowbridge Town Hall, and on the Vale Council website.

A public consultation exercise is planned and, as part of this process, an exhibition will be held in Cowbridge Town Hall on May 25, at 1pm-7pm, and on May 26, at 1pm-6.30pm.

LIFT welcomes new members

VOLUNTARY organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) a self-help group for those affected by breast cancer, meets regularly to offer support and friendship for people in the area.

On alternate Wednesdays, relaxation therapies such as Reiki, reflexology and Indian head massage, will be offered from 10am to 1pm.

On other Wednesdays in the month there will be visits out or speakers, which usually take place in the afternoon from 2 pm to 4 pm.

On May 12, the group enjoyed a guided tour of Porthkerry Park near Barry.

The next LIFT group meetings will be in Cowbridge on Wednesday, May 26 between 10am and 1pm and June 9 for a tour of Dyffryn Gardens at 2pm.

If you are currently, or have been, affected by breast cancer and you feel you would benefit from meeting others in a relaxed environment, contact Hilary on 01446 749756, or Anne on 01446 772843 for further information.

Thirds win at Ammanford

AFTER a rather disorganised start to the season, with missing score books and disputed scores, the West Wales XI settled into a winning rhythm under blue skies and a fresh breeze when they met Ammanford.

The captain, having lost every toss last season, elected to flip a fat pound coin which for a few seconds sat its edge and then fell to Ammanford's advantage. They elected to bowl.

Michael Hordley soon showed what a judicious choice of strokes could do to a mixed array of bowling, despite initially losing his supporting cast. He was then joined by David Webb, who scored more slowly but they continued together until Hordley was out for 59, and then Webb for 32.

There followed a brisk 19 from newcomer, but no relation, Dr Philip Webb. Cowbridge were all out for 158, but with two overs left to play.

By the time tea had been taken, conditions had changed with a brisk wind blowing down the pitch. Matthew Keating bowled into the wind in the expectation of more variation in flight. This placed great demands on his consistency, which he worked hard to overcome, and he was rewarded with three wickets as batsmen failed to read his length and turn.

Hordley, taking advantage of a following wind at the other end, also took three wickets. After his allotted 12 overs, he was replaced by Jon Brazier, whose high flight made use of the setting sun behind him, and with the addition of some variation in technique, he also took three wickets for only nine runs.

Ammanford were bowled out for 130 after 29 overs, giving Cowbridge a 28-run win.

Special mention should be made of Hamza Shami, who hurled himself at anything within reach and the total of runs saved was very significant.

This week, the team travels to Carmarthen which may be a tougher match but the will to win is clearly there.

IN BRIEF

Palmerston School fete

PALMERSTON Primary School is holding its summer fete on May 26 at 3.30pm.

Entrance is free and there will be a bouncy castle, pillow bash, face and nail painting, games, food and drink and police dog show. Everyone welcome.

Cowbridge Record Society

COWBRIDGE Record Society will holds its annual general meeting at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, on Wednesday, May 26 at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be followed by a talk from Richard Press, founder chair of CRS and a former boarder at Cowbridge Grammar School. It will be a sequel to the successful talk he gave four years ago on this subject, and is entitled 'Dark doings in the dorm!'.

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00403/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reconstruction of vehicular drive to front of property. Construction of permiable gravel parking area to front of property. Sideways extension of raised pool surround to rear of property. Removal of timber fence to raised pool surround. Replacement with a glazed guarding.
Location:/Lleoliad: Llangoedmor, 10, Marine Parade, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00404/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Various extensions and alterations including two storey side extension and rear conservatory
Location:/Lleoliad: Buttress House, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No: /Rhif y cais: 2010/00439/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed single storey garage
Location:/Lleoliad: The Meadows, St. Hilary
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: St. Hilary

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00430/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal alterations to ground floor rooms
Location:/Lleoliad: Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00440/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of photovoltaic solar panels- 5 panels to main flat roof and 9 panels on tower roof
Location:/Lleoliad: 3, Pwll Y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00445/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Strip off existing roof of the old library, rear/repair right hand ladder, felt batten over existing rafters after laying 250mm loft insulation, fix salvaged slates to front elevation and fix Spanish cupra Grade A slates to rear elevation
Location:/Lleoliad: Parish Hall, Council Office, Dinas Powys
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00446/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Renovation of war memorial
Location:/Lleoliad: Dinas Powys War Memorial, The Square, Dinas Powys
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

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Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00413/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: An extension to the existing clubhouse facilities for an indoor golf practise and teaching facility
Location:/Lleoliad: Cottrell Park Golf Club, St. Nicholas

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk

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News in and out of class at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

ABOVE: The winning year-7 football team with their trophy.

BELOW: The year-8 team were just pipped in the final.

Off to Patagonia

CONGRATULATIONS to three year-12 pupils, Steffan Griffin from Cowbridge, Georgina Griggs from Barry and Gareth Davies from Dinas Powys, who have been chosen to take part in Urdd Gobaith Cymru's volunteer project in Patagonia in October.

They will be working with young children and youth groups in Patagonia, and aim to raise £2,000 each to fund the projects. They have already started their campaign by selling cakes to hungry pupils and teachers.

More information on the project can be seen on the website pupils have set up at: *www.lostresamigos.org.uk* or by contacting the school.

Thrilling cup finals

THE SCHOOL'S year-7 and year-9 football teams both reached the finals of the Cardiff and Vale Cup for their respective years.

Year-7 were eventual winners of a thrilling game against Whitchurch High School.

A fantastic second half display saw Bro Morgannwg demolish Whitchurch's 2 – 0 lead at half time to come back with a resounding 3 – 2 victory, with two goals by Corey Price and one by Reuben Bryl.

The year-9 team lost a highly competitive final against Fitzalan by two goals to one.

Star speakers

FOUR boys from year-12 have progressed to the finals of Urdd Gobaith Cymru's public speaking competition this year in Cardiganshire.

Teams from all over Wales competed in preliminary rounds and the final three have been rewarded with places in the final which will take place in at the Urdd Eistedddfod in June.

Team members Steffan Griffin, Teuan Donovan, Gareth Davies and Jacob Elis were commended for their mature and intelligent responses by the adjudicator and applauded for the fluency of their arguments.

The adjudicator praised their knowledge of complex and current issues. Well done boys and good luck in the final!!

Elite athletes

THE SCHOOL'S athletes have started where they left at the end of last season, with phenomenal success at the Cardiff and the Vale Athletics Championships recently.

In the Senior Cup, the girls' team retained the trophy over Cardiff High School, while the Cardiff school claimed the trophy in the boys' competition, with Bro Morgannwg in second place.

There was victory for both the girls and the boys in the Middle Championship for years 10 and 11.

While the boys were the overall winners, the girls had to share the top prize with Whitchurch.

School's netball team says... 'thanks Mr Anning – our new kit looks just great!'

THE school netball team at Ysgol Sant Curig have recently been lucky enough to acquire a new kit (*pictured on right*).

The new shirts, skirts and bibs were bought thanks to a kind donation from Mr Steven Anning, a parent of one of the girls, who raised the money during one of his own sporting events.

This term, the team played their first set of fixtures for more than five years.

It was a slow start for the girls but a steady improvement saw them claim their first win of the season last week.

Teachers Miss Samuel and Miss Gruffudd have worked very hard with the team.

The girls are very pleased with their new kit and looking forward to wearing it at their next match!

Many thanks to Mr Anning for his generosity and his support.

A special thank you must also go to Mr Bumford, another parent, whose financial contribution helped to buy equipment for the school rugby team and also for playtime games.

RJ

Maendy YFC starts final countdown to Rally Day

THE countdown has begun to the Annual Rally Day of Glamorgan Young Farmers, which is taking place on Saturday May 29.

Everyone is invited to the Pencoed campus of Bridgend College between 9.30am and 5.30pm for a day of fun and entertainment including competitions and displays. There's something for everyone so bring all the family along!

Various competitions will be taking place, from craft exhibits, singing and dancing, to tractor handling and woodwork, not to mention the Tug of War finale to round off the day.

There is also a rally dance in the evening – tickets available to purchase at Rally Day only. For further information, contact county office on 01656 864488.

Maendy YFC are getting ready for the big day with weekly gatherings and practices, ensuring members are geared up for some top competition.

Recently, some club members enjoyed a weekend away in Torquay at the National YFC annual convention. Aside from the formalities of the AGM, there were three nights of entertainment and parties, along with competition finals.

A forthcoming event on this year's club calendar is the 70th anniversary ball on Saturday, October 16, at the City Hall, Cardiff.

Further details will be available shortly but to reserve tickets in advance or to contribute to the evening, contact club chairman Miss Natalie Lewis 07841 486440 (email lewisna_86@live.com).

HL

Welsh call-up

THE annual Tri-Nations tournament is taking place later this month in Ireland, and a number of local young footballers will be representing Wales at under-16 level.

The boys in the national development squad are: Rhys James (Cardiff City) who goes to Barry Comprehensive; Curtis Watkins (Cardiff City) who attends Llantwit Major Comprehensive and Josh Yorwerth (Cardiff City) who goes to Ynysawdre Comprehensive.

School celebrates Europe Day in style!

ST DAVID'S C/W school celebrated Europe Day by taking part in a range of artistic activities in the style of European artists.

Everybody dressed up as an artist and was very enthusiastic. Each class chose an artist and produced some very creative work inspired by Klee, Kandinsky, Miro, Mondrian, Matisse, Chagall and Cezanne!

A variety of activities took place, including weaving, painting and collage and a fun time was had by all!

IN BRIEF

Garden talk

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, May 27, in the Lesser Hall when Mr Ivor Stokes will speak on 'The history and development of the National Botanic Garden of Wales'.

New members are welcome.

Friends' service

ON Sunday, May 23, the Friends of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point, the medieval foundation and listed building on the coast between Sully and Penarth, will be holding a Whit Sunday service at 3pm.

The Friends' honorary chaplain, Rev Margaret Stark will lead the service, to which all are very welcome.

There is free parking in the nearby car park at the end of Fort Road, the lane off Lavernock Road leading to St Lawrence. Enquiries to 029 2070 7776.

COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Men bowlers are on song in Shield competition

IN the first of their two games last week, the Cowbridge Ladies team played Pengelli in the Rhondda and experienced the same arctic conditions that had troubled the men's team the previous week.

The match should have been played over 18 ends but both teams were pleased to finish after 15.

Pengelli won the match by 54 shots to Cowbridge's 24.

There is a return match at the end of June.

Cowbridge Ladies will give them a warm welcome. By then, hopefully, the weather will also have warmed up!

In the second game, a league match, Cowbridge needed a win after losing the first two league games.

Playing at home against Cadoxton, Cowbridge won on all three rinks.

Joan Bradley's rink just edged it (19-18). Ann Jarvis's rink had a good win (19-14) but the quartet of May Jones, Sue Flower, Marge Smith and Helena Snelling completely overwhelmed their opponents (50-3).

The men also had two games last week. The first of these, a Munro Cup game, was played at Sully which the home team won by 72 shots to Cowbridge's 57.

Three of the four rinks had very close games and Cowbridge gained 4 points by winning on two of them but any of the three could have gone either way. Straight bowls were effective as the bias had little effect.

Anything could happen and usually did.

Rink scores were as follows:

Byron Richards team 7-25; Roger Barwick team 16-13; Norman Wilkinson team 16-15; Dennis Snelling team 18-19.

For its Saturday game, the Cowbridge men's team welcomed Aberkenfig in the Carruthers Shield.

It was Aberkenfig's first visit to Cowbridge and their teams had difficulty adjusting their game to the fast green.

Cowbridge won on all four rinks and by 115 shots to 50.

Rink scores were as follows:

Dennis Snelling team 21-16; Roger Barwick team 37-8; Norman Wilkinson team 39 - 10; Byron Richards team 18-16. **MB**

BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS NEWS

First team's big Shield win

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club's first team squad cruised through their WBA Carruthers Shield qualifier at Cadoxton with an impressive 99-55 victory last Saturday.

Highlight of the afternoon was the form of vice-captain and skip Robert Horgan, whose rink romped home to a massive 40-5 win.

Robert, an established Welsh indoor and outdoor international, was in sparkling form and inspired his rink, including lead Don Evans and newcomers Chris Wright and Dan Jones, two young bowlers who are settling well into first team action.

Wales Commonwealth Games bowler Chris Blake led his rink to a comfortable 26-9 win in a line-up that comprised Garry Gane, DK Williams and Ben Parrish.

The Athletic continue their Carruthers Shield competition at Bridgend Municipal this weekend, when the Island club aim to notch their third successive win in a bid to make WBA progress.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Cadoxton – S McKernan, B Wright, K Harris, G.Thomas 12; D Evans, W Vaughan, H Craven, D Kuhnell 20.

D Evans, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 40; G Davies, D Tuck, G Jones, A Hatcher 5.

D Snelling, J Beanland, G Whittaker, D Rees 21; T Bishop, L Cundliffe, T Davies, K Chedgzuy 21.

G Gane, DK Williams, B Parrish, C Blake 26; P Ellis, W Eadie, A Carpenter, G Brown 9.

After an indifferent run of friendly results, the Athletic's 'A' team finally clicked and registered an 87-61 triumph against Barry Plastics at Barry Island last Saturday.

In a final warm-up fixture before the private greens programme gets under way this weekend, the Athletic produced encouraging form with skip Ivor Stevenson taking top rink honours. His rink of captain Clive Phillips, Barrie Turner and Graham Thomas, came home with a 27-12 scorecard.

There were victories for skips Colin Spillane and Dave Newman. Gareth Humphreys' rink, trailing 1-10 after 10 ends, made a strong second half comeback but eventually went down 15-17.

Romilly's 'A' bowlers gain good result

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club 'A' side welcomed Penarth Rectory Road Bowling Club 'A' side to Romilly Park on Saturday for their SVLA match.

The weather was dry and the green not yet at its best.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Bannister, C Davies and J Coles had a strong game against a good side.

However, it was the 10th end before Romilly took the lead due to the Penarth skip stealing the head with his second wood too often.

Bryn then decided to pass the mat to his opponents in order for him to have the last wood, a change of tactic which worked well. From this point, Romilly surged ahead to win the rink 18-14.

Vince McFarland's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and G Whittaker also had a strong game and were never in trouble. They pulled clear from the 10th end and never looked back, for a fine 20-12 win.

Peter Hoad's rink of D Ford, T Bloomfield and L Jones played and scored well in this game. Once again, as a team they complemented each other with a red hot finish for a 22-17 win.

Bob Wyatt's rink of A Jones, K Westgate and P Denley drew the short straw and were pressured from the start. They were down 4-21 after 15 ends, but redeemed their pride with a strong finish on the remaining six ends, scoring 11 shots which secured the aggregate. The rink score was a 15-21 win for Penarth and the match aggregate was a 75-64 win for Romilly. **RH**

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YR ATODLENNI

ATODLEN 1

(Bras amcan yw pob mesuriad)

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ATODLEN 2

Disgrifiad o'r datblygiad arfaethedig.

Trosi adeilad fferm sy'n segur yn annedd yn Village Farm, Marcroes, Bro Morgannwg yn unol â chaniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd pan wnaed apêl gan Arolygydd a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru ar 23 Ebrill 2008 o dan Gyfeirnod Apêl APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS (BEACH ROAD, MARCROSS, LLANTWIT MAJOR, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to authorise the stopping up of the areas of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During 28 days from 20 May 2010 copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected during normal office hours at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Alps, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6AA or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Government, TPG3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (quoting reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1), object to the making of the Order.

Please note: Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Assembly Government. As part of the process of consulting with others the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will, however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library where it is publicly available.

A copy of the draft Order and Notice can be viewed on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Draft Legislation/ Draft Non-Statutory Instruments/Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Orders).

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Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 14.6 square metres identified as area A on the deposited plan.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the north eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 3.1 square metres identified as area B on the deposited plan.

An irregular shaped area of all purpose highway on the western side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Horse Shoe Inn and measuring 267.5 square metres identified as area C on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the proposed development.

The conversion of a redundant farm building into a dwelling at Village Farm, Marcross, Vale of Glamorgan in accordance with the planning permission granted on appeal by an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers on 23 April 2008 under Appeal Reference APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION 3, WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

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Guiding UK in Vale appeals for more leaders

THE Vale Guiding movement is anxious for more people to come forward as volunteer leaders.

The district commissioner for the Vale, Jane Rudd, told The GEM that nationally there were almost 50,000 youngsters on waiting lists, but there was a looming crisis in leadership.

She explained: "In this area, not only do we have girls waiting to join but we have leaders who are leaving the movement for very legitimate reasons.

"In St Athan, Liz has run the Guides almost single handed for the last 30 years relying on parents to pop in and help, but she has to retire this summer.

"Jane re-opened the Brownies six years ago and re-opened the Rainbows last September, but she is the wife of a serviceman who is going to be posted next summer.

"She has had nine different helpers who were all from service families and were posted away. Jessica came along last September to help with the Rainbows and stayed to help at Brownies, but she is off to university next September.

"In Rhoose, there are two Brownie units with one leader each and parent rotas. One of them lived in the Vale then moved to Cardiff but comes back every week to open the unit and visit her mum."

Jane pointed out: "The situation for the Rainbow group in Barry is absolutely desperate; they will close at the end of May if no one can come to help.

"We need ladies to come forward to help us keep these units open. Guiding has so much to offer the girls and you would be amazed at what it could offer people as leaders. No qualifications are required, just the desire to have fun yourself and help others in the process."

Rainbows are for girls aged five to seven; Brownies for thoses aged seven to 10; Guides are for 10-14-year-olds.

For more information, telephone 0800 1 69 59 01; e-mail joinus@girlguiding.org.uk or go to the website www.girlguiding.org.uk. For a local contact call Jane can be contacte on 01446 750645.

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For lottery information, please call telephone 02920 672062.

BRACKLA BUSINESSES

THE HEART OF BRACKLA – RETAINING AND DEVELOPING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

ONE of those 'facts' that everybody seems to know about Brackla is that it is, apparently, 'the biggest housing estate in Europe'.

It was a description, one suspects, that was coined as a bit of a put down, intended to conjure up an image of an endless stretch of 'little boxes' – as the Pete Seeger song of the 1960s had it.

Brackla is, of course, nothing like that and it has always been a sought-after residential area, with good connections to the M4 an undeniable bonus.

Although it does have a population of 11,000 residents within its borders, it retains a sense of community, with the 'Triangle' at its heart.

In fact, as time has passed, more and more essential elements of a community have gravitated to the Triangle, with a GPs' surgery and a vets' practice the most recent additions.

This followed the arrival, in 1997, of Brackla Tabernacle, where the congregation moved into a brand-new purpose-built church building, which has a strong community ethos.

What is more, this sense of the Triangle as the hub of the community can only grow, now that the new Archbishop McGrath RC School is under construction.

When finished, the school will have 750 pupils, with the obvious spin-off in terms of extra customers for the traders in the area.

Because new schools are now being designed to engage more with their community, the new development will bring extra sports facilities for use in the evenings and weekends, including an all-weather pitch, a multi-use games area and grass pitches spread over 8.1 hectares.

All in all, this means that the Triangle should continue to attract traders who want to offer their services, and customers who want to keep their own community vibrant by patronising local businesses.

Any family fancying a takeaway meal,is spoiled for choice at the moment, with cuisine on offer from around the world. Essential services are well catered for, with the aforementioned GP surgery and veterinary practice, as well as a local optician and dry cleaners.

Health and well being are well catered for too, and this is an area of Bridgend well known to anyone keen on keeping fit, with both a mixed gym and a ladies-only on site.

Clearly, Brackla's Triangle is an area that is growing in every sense, both economically and socially – very much the heartbeat of its community.

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Pictured above: The First Minister was a guest at the turf cutting ceremony for the new Archbishop McGrath School

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High flyer helps keep estate agents at top

A leading local estate agent is continuing to offer a five-star service to all its clients, after yet another member of its team gained a professional qualification.

Sharon Stephens MNAEA, has been with the Barry team, based in High Street, for just one year and her skills in this increasingly difficult industry have gone from strength-to-strength. Last week, Sharon sat the final section of the acclaimed Technical Award and passed with flying colours.

Many estate agents in the Vale, and across the whole country, felt the full force of the credit crunch and had to close their doors.

However, Chris Davies Estate Agents, with branches also in Rhoose and Llantwit Major, has not held back when it comes to investing in the training and development of their team.

Sales Manager Andrew Fenton, MNAEA/MARLA, told The GEM: "It has been a very hard couple of years, but we believe that the only way to move forward and keep delivering the level of service we promise our clients is to make sure that our staff are fully trained.

"As a local agent with more than 21 years' history, we have plenty of repeat business, with people using us for a number of moves at different stages in their lives.

"They would not keep coming back to us if they didn't trust us. To me, that speaks volumes about our professionalism."

Sharon will now be assisting Andrew from the Barry branch in providing a five-star service and expert advice to all their clients.

ABOVE: Sharon Stephens with Andrew Fenton.

'Jekyll and Hyde' both in Barry!

AN international touring group is staging one of British theatre's most popular plays on Saturday, May 22, at Barry's Memorial Hall.

The European Arts Company is presenting *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, in co-production with Rhondda Cynon Taf Theatres,starring William Hartley.

For ticket information, telephone 01446 738622.

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Roadworks report

Plassey Street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street, Arcott Street and Windsor Road, Penarth *– carriageway width restrictions.*

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry *– footway restriction in place.*

Gladstone Road Bridge to Barry Waterfront *– temporary traffic control.*

Crowe and Scott's Robin Hood hits the target...

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE chances are that if you haven't enjoyed at least one adventure of *Robin Hood*, riding through the glen with his merry men in tow, then you have most likely been hiding under the proverbial rock, such is the character's ubiquity.

Actors from Kevin Costner to Errol Flynn, and Jason Connery to John Barrowman have all worn the green felt and carried the bow and arrow to varying levels of success.

However, anyone who felt Costner's portrayal, replete with American accent, was the last word on the character will be enthralled by Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe's take on the character in the surprisingly titled *Robin Hood*, as the pair team up on screen for the fifth time.

Crowe plays the titular character, or Robin Longstride as he is known, an archer tasked with returning the crown of the slain Richard The Lionheart and the sword of Robert Loxley. Posing as Loxley, he discovers a ploy by the devious Sir Godfrey (Mark Strong) that will see French forces invading England, while also meeting the strong-willed Lady Marian Loxley (Cate Blanchett), abetted by his very own band of 'Merry men' (Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle)...

Much like the relationships between Johnny Depp and Tim Burton, and Martin Scorcese and Leonardo DiCaprio (formerly Robert De Niro), Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe have forged an alliance that has seen them hit great heights (*Gladiator*) and also lows (*A Good Year*), but it has been a relationship that has primarily afforded cinemagoers plenty of moments of entertainment.

Robin Hood marks their fifth team-up, and is a hugely entertaining, and somewhat revisionist, take on an age-old character.

If the trailers made it appear that the pair's take on *Robin Hood* was simply *Gladiator* with bows and arrows, then it is the folly of the marketing bods as opposed to any laziness on the part of director and star.

Comparisons could be made loosely as regards the nature of the story – a returning hero treated with contempt by those he fought for – but it's a comparison that is stretching it. Instead, it is a film that takes a well-worn tale, and seeks something a little unexpected and authentic than the portrayals of the basic 'rob from the rich, give to the poor' character that mainly make up Hood's various incarnations.

Scripted by Brian Helgeland, whose ability to mine the grit and grime from a story is well-known, constructs a tale that is less myth and more realism, a prologue of sorts to Hood becoming an outlaw, and it's a clever idea that is well executed. Helgeland puts in far more subtext than you would expect, but that doesn't feel too forced or out of place.

In fact, Helgeland eschews action set-pieces for meaty scenes of dialogue, with only three action sequences of note. While in the land of action blockbusters this would be a hindrance, instead the script allows you to delve into the characters and storylines, making a far more substantial offering than a mere swords, bows and arrows film.

Discussions about high taxations and the folly of costly, unsuccessful wars in other countries may be more 21st century than 12th century, but the parallels are there, giving the film a feel of pertinence and context. While not using these themes as a broad context, it does add a little extra meat to proceedings.

With Ridley Scott in the director's chair, the film looks absolutely gorgeous as you would expect, the film shot with great care and attention to detail.

With the sweeping shots and tinted visuals, it is reminiscent both of his work on *Gladiator* as well as *Kingdom of Heaven*, but Scott brings more than just old ideas to the table.

He has shown little desire in slowing down his workload, and why should he when he can offer direction like this, giving the action sequences a grandiose visual identity while imbuing the quieter moments with an eye for shot composition; it may not be the director's finest hour but he shows more skill and deftness of touch here than Michael Bay has shown in an entire career.

While, at 46, Russell Crowe is probably the oldest person to step into Hood's tights, the actor does a predictably good turn, riffing on the noble hero intent on vanquishing evil but bringing enough substance to the role to make him feel like a real character.

Crowe has enough nous and gravitas to bring the role to life, and his take on the character is less flash and far more serious than other versions. While his accent seems to have taken on a huge importance in the eyes of Mark Lawson, it isn't that huge a deal; certainly it adds to the authenticity that the film is going for and, yes, there are moments where it does slightly veer into Irish, but Crowe should be applauded for not going down the Kevin Costner route.

Around him is a cast of great pedigree that all do an excellent job. Cate Blanchett makes the character of Marian far more appealing, taking away the helpless damsel in distress routine, and making the character far more independent and stronger. As always, Blanchett is very good, locating the inner strength of a character struggling to keep her head above water as the pressures from outside threaten her way of life, and she shares a strong chemistry with Crowe.

Mark Strong is cornering the Hollywood bad guy market at the moment, and having been devilishly evil in *Sherlock Holmes* and *Kick-Ass*, adds another wonderful villain to his repertoire with Sir Godfrey.

While suffering from a lack of explanation (a plight that also affects several other characters), Strong still manages to make the character reprehensible, playing off the English and the French while relishing the opportunity to take the money of landowners – yet again. Strong shows the bad guys of film how it is done.

While Oscar Isaac does snivelling and gutless with aplomb as Prince John, William Hurt and Eileen Atkins bring weight to their performances, and while Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle, as the 'merry men', and Matthew Macfadyen as the sheriff of Nottingham, offer up enjoyable turns, they aren't used enough, nor given enough in their characters, to really factor.

That is one of the weaknesses of the film, that Robin, Marian and Sir Walter Loxley (a nice cameo from Max Von Sydow) aside, the characters aren't given enough motivation; the reasons for Sir Godfrey's actions are never explained, the sheriff is completely sidelined (though that may be another way of distancing this version from others) and the background of the 'merry men' is lacking – though no doubt this will be remedied in the sequel the ending broadly cries out for

Based on these adventures, it is a film that will hopefully live up to its entertaining opening instalment – what *Robin Hood* lacks in derring-do it certainly makes up for in brains and brawn, and makes for a hugely satisfying experience.

VERDICT – Another successful outing for the Ridley Scott/Russell Crowe team, *Robin Hood* lays down the framework for a franchise while being an entertaining venture on its own terms.

With Scott's epic direction and strong turns from a distinguished cast, the decision to revise the history of the character is one that works in spades – and gets bonus points for not having (Everything I Do) I Do It For You over the end credits! *Recommended.*

Pentecost weekend

HOLY TRINITY Presbyterian Church, Barry, will be open on Saturday, May 22 from 10am-12noon for a time of reflection and mediation, to celebrate Pentecost.

Everyone welcome.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

Scenic stroll from Dunraven bay on to Heol-y-Mynydd

Pause at Castle-upon-Alun.

RECENTLY, on a rather unsettled morning, 15 walkers joined Val Williams for a trip down to Dunraven, which is part of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast that stretches for 14 miles from Aberthaw to Porthcawl.

They began from above Dunraven bay, a sand and pebble beach backed up by red sandstone cliffs that contain many unique fossils which have been exposed by the constant bashing of the sea.

On the opposite side of the coastline lies Trwyn-y-Witch or Witch's Point where an ancient Iron Age Hill fort stood, but the area is really dominated by the ruins of Dunraven Castle.

The castle was really a fortified manor and was used by the Glamorgan Red Cross as a hospital during both world wars. It was demolished in 1962 for safety reasons and now only the only evidence of its history is the walled garden that has been refurbished.

The Welsh Assembly Government have a scheme in place called Tir Gofal, which enables members of the public to enjoy the delights of the countryside through using paths that have been opened up by permission of the landowner.

The group followed part of the Tir Gofal track to the gatehouse of Dunraven Castle before descending to Pant y Slade.

Making their way up past Pool Farm, they reached Pitcot Pool that fills up from springs and surface water and was responsible for serving the local community with their water until piped water was fully established.

From St Brides Major, the group crossed fields to the small hamlet of Castle-upon-Alun. Here, the lovely old stone packhorse or clapper bridge as it is known – from the noise the hoofs of the horses made as they crossed – stands guard over the River Alun.

The group made their way to the nature reserve of Coed y Bwl, renowned for the thousands of wild daffodils or Twm Dilies as they are locally known that are on show each spring.

Having disappeared, the ground was covered with wood anemones and bluebells and well worth the visit before the group stopped for coffee nearby.

Crossing the clapper bridge and the railway line, the group made their way to Wallas Farm where they joined the bridle path that led them back across the Alun River by means of stepping stones.

A steep climb followed in order to reach Castle Down and lunch in the shelter of gorse bushes to keep out of the strong cool wind blowing across Ogmore Down.

From the highest point of their walk, as visibility was good, they had terrific views of the surrounding countryside before moving via Beacons Down to the small hamlet of Heol-y-Mynydd. At Groes Farm, they followed the bridleway back to the coast and walked the cliff top back to their cars.

The second summer evening walk will leave the Blue Anchor car park at 7pm on May 20 for a 3-mile easy walk at the East Aberthaw Nature Reserve and the salt flats; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Major investment in library services is announced...

LIBRARIES and museums in the Vale and Bridgend are to get more than £432,000 worth of grants from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The money is part of a £4 million package to develop the work of libraries, museums and archives throughout Wales, announced by Minister for Heritage Alun Ffred Jones.

The grant funding supports a range of projects that vary from large scale modernisation of public library buildings to supporting volunteer-run museums.

Cowbridge Library is to receive £299,886 for refurbishment and modernisation.

Bridgend Library Service receives a grant of £22,000 to continue work in developing learners' skills and a grant of £18,031 to support the innovative Books4U project that enables the public to borrow books from libraries across south east Wales.

The Vale of Glamorgan Library Service receives a grant for £65,000 to lead on co-ordinating the work of a regional library development officer to promote partnership working between libraries in South East Wales to promote improved public access to the libraries in the partnership. It will also receive a grant of £28,236 for a project to develop the delivery of their services.

Alun Ffred Jones said: "I am delighted to announce these investments which will improve public access to the rich collections of our local museums, archives and libraries.

"These grants will help museums and archives across the country to enhance their work in preserving and presenting our heritage through conservation work, and developing new exhibitions, online resources and educational activities that will bring the collections alive for a new generation of people."

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

How to make your text look professional

DO you sometimes wish that you could make the documents you print a little more exciting? Perhaps a bit easier to read? There are those who would like to do it, but can't spare the time to do all the formatting to achieve the desired result. Help is on the screen.

Previously, I explained how a spreadsheet is a tool that could save an enormous amount of work, especially if you have to use lots of numbers. See our website notes on penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

The great labour-saving device mentioned in the bit about formatting cells within a spreadsheet also applies to text in documents and Autoshapes (more about Autoshapes later). It is a button called the Format Painter.

When writing a document you can make some of the text bold, italic, underlined, coloured, larger, smaller, a different typeface or any combination of the above. This is done by a series of clicks to highlight the text, then, for example, click on Formats>font, then select the font, font style and size and click OK.

This enables you to give variety to the appearance of your writing or to stress the importance of some of the words.

In the same way you can alter the spacing between the lines or whether the writing is aligned to the left, to the right or centred.

Let's say that you have done a lot of typing and then decide that you would like to re-style several bits of it to match a section that you spent some time adjusting to get it just as you wanted it. The last thing you fancy doing is repeating all the work you did to set up the special appearance. You don't have to work so hard.

Simply click on any piece of the already-formatted text; click on the Format Painter button on the standard toolbar (it shows a paintbrush) and then highlight the text you want to paint. That text instantly takes on all the attributes of the original selection. The Format Painter is automatically cancelled.

If, however, you want to repeat the process many times, then double-click on the Format Painter button and it will continue to paint new text until you click on it again to cease painting.

The Autoshapes I mentioned are available from the Drawing Toolbar. To open the Drawing Toolbar right-click on a blank part of any toolbar and select Drawing, from the list that drops down. The Drawing Toolbar will appear at the bottom of the window.

Autoshapes provide a selection of lines, connectors, stars, banners, flow-chart shapes and more. They are wonderfully customisable and can be formatted extensively. They can be used in a simple way or combined to make complex drawings and the Format Painter can also be used to great effect. I suggest that you explore the possibilities even if it is just for fun.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25. Kevin will be looking at how Windows 7 is performing six months after its release. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

Out and About with The GEM

Bugsy Malone is heading to Penarth!

ABOVE: The cast of Bugsy Malone, which is heading for the Paget Rooms, Penarth from June 16-19.

BUGSY MALONE will be staged at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from June 16-19 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 and £6, available from box offices at 'A & A' Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry, and 'Copy-It' Holton Road, Barry. (For further information, call 01446 400055).

Art AGM

THE annual general meeting of Cowbridge Art Society will take place on Thursday May 27, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge.

Lifesaving lottery prizes

THE top three winners in the May 14 draw of the Lifesaving lottery, from Wales Air Ambulance were:

£1,000 winner – Mrs J Vidler. Bangor Isycoed, Wrexham (LL70913); £200 Winner – Mr M Elson. Maesteg, Bridgend (LL45696); £100 Winner – Mr I Deacon, Pencoed, Bridgend (LL28733).

A spokeswoman stated: "The Lifesaving lottery supports the work of Wales Air Ambulance, with guaranteed cash prizes of up to £1,000 every week.

"The scheme has become a vital part of fundraising for the charity. Thousands of pounds are raised by paying just £1 a week, and comprises a massive 1/3rd of the support received to keep helicopters in the air."

To join the Lifesaving lottery, call 0844 85 84 999 or visit www.walesairambulance.com for more information and to view the latest lottery results.

TABLE SALE

WENVOE WI is hosting a table top sale at the Community Centre in Wenvoe on Saturday, May 22 from 10.30am-12 noon.

WI cake stall, plants, bric-a-brac, Phoenix Cards, woodcraft, produce etc. raffle. Admission 50p. Includes tea and biscuits.

Vale beaches keep the Blue Flag flying high!

WHITMORE Bay (Barry Island) and Penarth Marina are celebrating – after retaining Blue Flag awards this year.

The coveted award for top class beaches and marinas was established in France in the late 1980s, and is managed in Wales on behalf of the Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education by Keep Wales Tidy.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Beaches are judged against 30 criteria, which means that Barry Island will have met strict conditions, such as the highest water quality mark, strict litter management, dog control, visitor safety and sustainable environmental ethics.

"Penarth Marina is one of only five marinas across Wales to receive the honour. Marinas are judged on 16 land-based criteria, including adequate waste reception facilities, provision of life-saving equipment and a written commitment to safeguard local environments."

Council leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, commented: "This is wonderful news for the Vale, especially as we have managed to retain both flags for another year.

"This is a clear indication of how dedicated our staff are to maintaining the high quality of our beaches and Penarth Marina and I would like to extend thanks to them for all their hard work."

Actors' fundraising gig

YOUNG actors from the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) are planning a night of entertainment in the Stage Door venue at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, as a fundraiser for the company.

As the BYT are currently rehearsing the musical Sweeney Todd – a highly-disciplined and intense production – the fundraising night is planned as a chance for the cast to let their hair down and do their own thing...

The evening takes place on Wednesday, June 9, and tickets are available from the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995.

Author's work helps Ty Hafan

A LOCAL author has just published his third collection of short stories and poems – and once again a popular local charity will benefit.

Brynmor Evans is a retired British Steel ambulance driver, and his two previous books were published to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses and the Sandville Self-help Centre respectively.

His latest book (costing £3 with £1 going to the charity) will benefit Ty Hafan children's hospice.

The book is available from Brynmor (telephone 01656 742008) and can also be bought at Arlene's Florist or Jeff Kent (barber) in Kenfig Hill, and at Cornelly Hardware Stores.

Sponsored bicycle ride and barbecue to power a charity

PEDAL POWER, Cardiff's leading cycling charity, making cycling accessible to people of all ages and abilities, is holding its annual sponsored bicycle ride followed by a barbecue on Saturday, June 19 to raise funds for the organisation.

There is a choice of three routes: setting your own distance around Pontcanna Park; riding along the Taff Trail to Tongwynlais and back (12 miles); or cycling from Brecon to Pontcanna (52 miles).

Transportation to Brecon inclusive of bicycles is provided. With only a few weeks left it is essential to register for your sponsorship pack and any bicycles you may need for the day by ringing 02920 390713.

Pedal Power is a charity that aims to make cycling accessible for all ages and abilities with a wide range of specialised and accessible bikes available for hourly, daily and weekly hire.

For further information on Pedal Power, log onto www.cardiffpedalpower.org.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
A4226 - "FIVE MILE LANE"
PUBLIC CONSULTATION INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is in receipt of a Principal Road Grant from Welsh Assembly Government

We would like to know your views about the A4226 – Five Mile Lane which links Barry at the Waycock Cross Roundabout with the A48 at Sycamore Cross.

You can do this by completing the questionnaire opposite which is to be returned to the FREEPOST address stated or by visiting the Council's website **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** and following the links to the online questionnaire.

You may contact the Council's OneVale contact centre on 01446 700111 or by email to visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for further information

The consultation process is to get your views about this road and to explore the basis for possible solutions should problems be established.

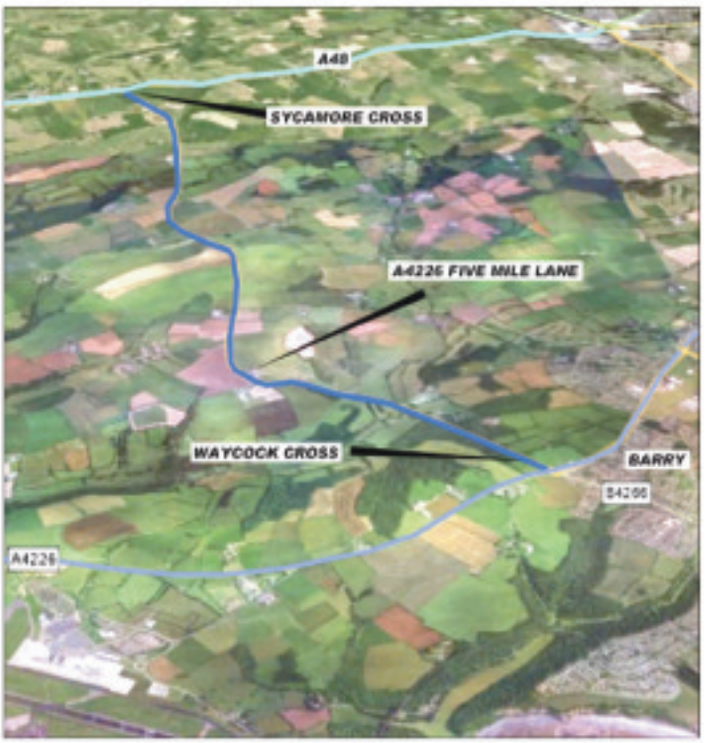
Please complete the questionnaire on the page opposite with relevant ticks and adding any additional comments which may be continued on a separate sheet of paper.

Access to Information

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will use the questionnaires to develop ways to improve transport in and around the Five Mile Lane corridor. The questionnaires will be disposed of securely after they have served this purpose.

A summary of the responses to the consultation will be published.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (FoI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) which means that the questionnaires may be released in response to a request for information. However, all personal data will be treated in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act, 1998.



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A4226 - FIVE MILE LANE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE

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For any of the questions you may continue your response on separate paper if necessary.

Question 1 Do you consider that the Five Mile Lane presents problems to:

	YES	NO
A Motor vehicle drivers?		
B Pedestrians?		
C Cyclists?		
D Horse riders?		

E Others? Please describe

Question 2
If you consider that there are any problems on Five Mile Lane.
(Please tick those that apply) **(Please describe briefly)**

A Problems at Waycock Cross Roundabout? .... _____

B Problems at Sycamore Cross Junction? .... _____

C Lack of overtaking possibilities over most of the route? _____

D Lack of facilities for pedestrians? .... _____

E Lack of facilities for cyclists? ..... _____

F Lack of facilities for horse riders? ..... _____

G General safety for the travelling public? ..... _____

H Other. Please describe

Question 3 Which measures would you see as helping to address the problems identified in Question 2? **Tick all that apply**

A Improved bus services .....
B Park and ride facilities .....
C Park and share facilities .....
D Pedestrian and cycling facilities .....
E Community Transport ....
F Improvement of visibility ....
G Other, please describe

Question 4 Which of the following **best** describes your interest in the study? **Tick all that apply**

A I am a regular traveller along Five Mile Lane ....
B I am an occasional traveller along Five Mile Lane ....
C I am a local resident (e.g. I live along the route or in Moulton, Walterston, Dyffryn or other community near the route) ...
D I own / lease land along the corridor of the Five Mile Lane ....
E I am a tourist or a visitor to the area ....
F Other interest. Please describe.

Question 5 If future works are identified for Five Mile Lane, please list **3** factors in order of importance (**1** being most and **3** being least) which should be taken into account when developing a solution

A Impact on residential property ....
B Impact on landscape ....
C Impact on farms and businesses.....
D Protection of wildlife .....
E Access for tourism .....
F Improved facilities for non-motorised users ....
G Other. Please describe.

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Please print your name, address and post code in CAPITALS.

This is only required to check the geographical origin of responses.

Question 6 Please add any other comments you may have

For your protection and privacy, please refer to the Access to Information, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations clauses on the previous page

Please return the questionnaire by Friday 28th May 2010 to:
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A4226 – FIVE MILE LANE
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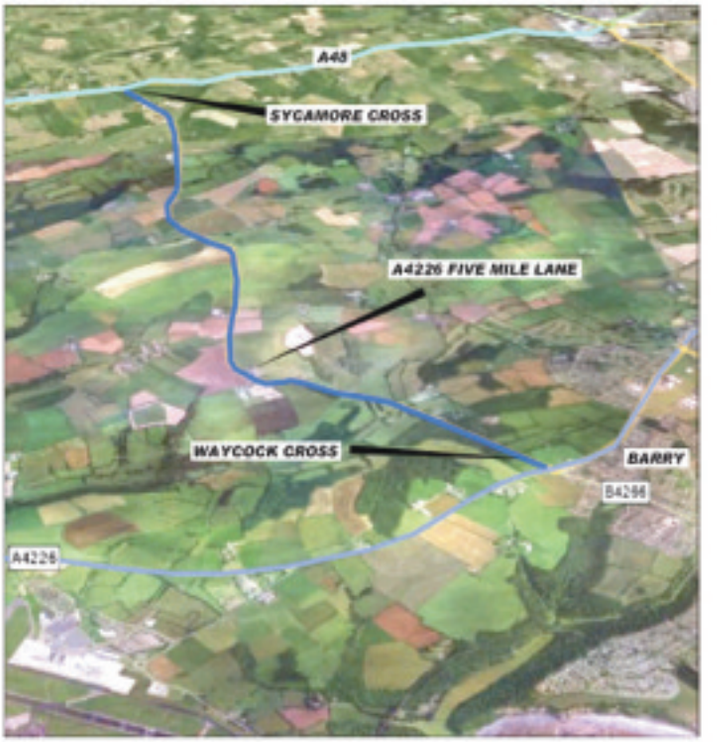

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	YDW	NAC YDW
A Gyrwyr cerbydau?		
B Cerddwyr?		
C Seiclwyr?		
Ch Marchogion ceffylau?		

D Grwpiau eraill? - Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 2 - Os ydych yn teimlo bod problemau yn Five Mile Lane,
Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol. **Rhowch ddisgrifiad bras**

A Problemau wrth gylchfan Waycock Cross ... _____

B Problemau wrth gyffordd Sycamore Cross .... _____

C Does dim lle ar y rhan fwyaf o'r heol i oddiweddyd .. _____

Ch Diffyg cyfleusterau i gerddwyr ... _____

D Diffyg cyfleusterau i seiclwyr ... _____

Dd Diffyg cyfleusterau i farchogion ceffylau ... _____

E Mae'n bygwth diogelwch cyffredinol teithwyr .... _____

F Problemau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 3 - Beth a allai ddatrys y problemau yng nghwestiwn 2, yn eich barn chi? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Gwella gwasanaethau bysiau .....
B Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a theithio' .....
C Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a rhannu' .....
Ch Darparu cyfleusterau ar gyfer seiclwyr a cherddwyr .....
D Darparu trafnidiaeth gymunedol .....
Dd Sicrhau ei bod yn haws gweld wrth deithio ymlaen .....
E Camau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 4 - Pa un o'r gosodiadau canlynol sy'n egluro orau pam yr ydych wedi ymddiddori yn yr astudiaeth? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane yn rheolaidd ...
B Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane o bryd i'w gilydd ....
C Rwy'n byw yn yr ardal (sef wrth ymyl yr heol neu ym Moulton, Trewallter, Dyffryn neu gymuned arall sy'n agos i'r heol) ....
Ch Rwy'n berchen ar dir/rhentu tir yng nghoridor Five Mile Lane ...
D Rwy ar wyliau yn yr ardal/rwy'n ymweld â'r ardal .....
Dd Rheswm arall. Rhowch fanylion.

Cwestiwn 5 - Petai gwaith yn Five Mile Lane yn y dyfodol, pa **3** ffactor y dylid eu hystyried wrth benderfynu sut i fwrw ymlaen, yn eich barn chi? (Nodwch y rhain yn nhrefn pwysigrwydd gan ddodi **1** ar bwys y ffactor pwysicaf a **3** ar bwys y ffactor lleiaf pwysig).

A Yr effaith ar eiddo'r trigolion ....
B Yr effaith ar y dirwedd .....
C Yr effaith ar ffermydd a busnesau ....
Ch Yr angen am warchod bywyd gwyllt ....
D Mynediad i ymwelwyr ....
Dd Cyfleusterau ar gyfer pobl heb geir ....
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Barrie and family thank all relatives and friends who sent messages of sympathy during their sad loss, also for the donations so generously given to the charities of Valerie's choice. We thank the medical teams of Velindre, the Doctors and Nurses of Marie Curie Hospice and those of High Street Surgery, Barry, for their dedication.
A service to remember, celebrating Valerie's life was conducted by the Rev Delyn Lyddell, held at Crossways Methodist Church, Barry.
A.G. Adams provided the dignified services.

POOLE
Graham
On May 12 at Milsom House, St Athan. Graham, husband of the late Irene, loving father to David and Sue, and grandfather to Angharad. Funeral service at Llanblethian Church on Friday May 28 at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only.

Kenfyn Roberts
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Brian Welch
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Llantwit Major juniors enjoy end-of-season tour

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S under-10s, 11s and 12s took to the road in their first ever tour.

They went to St Davids for the weekend, culminating in their respective age group games at St David's RFC.

A brilliant time was enjoyed by the boys and the coaches and helpers. All credit must be given to Dean Bunting for an enormous amount of work planning the tour.

As for the game between the under-11s and St David's RFC, the result went to the opposition, the score being 35 – 33.

The first try went against the run of play as Llantwit put St David's under pressure, only for the opponents to make a break out of their 22 and score.

With two more quick tries going to St David's, it looked as if the late night that the boys had was taking its toll.

Most teams would have easily given in, but with some true grit, the under-11s stuck to their task and with excellent mauling by man of the match Luc Morgan, the ball was quickly passed out to the right wing Alex Parry for him to race to the try line and score.

The spectators hearts were in their mouths, as Alex aimed to dive to score and memories came flooding back to last season where he dropped the ball in mid air!

The lesson was obviously learned as this time he made sure and grounded the ball.

With the game poised at three tries to one it was all to play for.

The boys stuck to their task and Alex Parry scored his second try and it was game on. With the forwards winning both ruck and maul, the ball was passed to Tom Slimmings, who passed to the outside half.

Unfortunately, the boys have been watching too much of the Ospreys games and the ball was intercepted and St. Davids went into half time of four tries to two.

The second half started with Llantwit in a much more determined frame of mind and, with some good training ground moves coming off, left wing Evan Holloway, burst through the defence – only to be denied by a last ditch tackle.

Undeterred, Joe Nott, who was enjoying his time as a centre, scored the third try for Llantwit.

All the tries were converted by outside half Harry Morgan-Grant and this meant that the game was there for the taking.

Unfortunately, Harry took a knock and came off. This opened the door for Ben Simpson-McCourt to come on and make his name, with Alex Parry and Joe Nott both scoring again.

The final score was St. Davids 35 – Llantwit Major 33.

With a little bit of 'what if and maybe this' who knows what the score could have been.

Thanks go to the Llantwit Major mums and dads who travelled to St. Davids to cheer their boys on.

With some excellent rugby this season, it has been a pleasure to be part of the coaching set up.

Under-11s quad: Luc Morgan (man of match), Alex Parry, Joe Nott, Alex Wear, Joe Hanson, Scott Ankin, Scott Bunting, Ethan Forrest, Taylor Mason, Cai Jones, Ben Simpson-McCourt, Tom Slimmings, Dylan White, Evan Holloway and Harry Morgan-Grant.

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Vale schools tennis festival proves a smashing success!

ABOVE:
Children from four primary schools in the Vale took to the courts at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club to take part in an annual tennis festival for pupils with disabilities and additional needs.

CHILDREN from four primary schools in the Vale have taken to the courts at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club to take part in an annual tennis festival for pupils with disabilities and additional needs.

Thirty one youngsters from Ashgrove, Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gwenfo and Palmerston primary schools all enjoyed a variety of tennis activities, with some playing the sport for the first time.

This was the second year that the festival has been held after last year's inaugural event proved a hit with youngsters and teachers alike, and was organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales development officer Simon Jones, together with Simon Clarke from Tennis Wales, and Penarth Lawn Tennis Club professional coach Rob Cunningham.

Simon Jones said: "I was really pleased with how the day went. All the pupils enjoyed themselves, which reflects on how good the coaches from Tennis Wales were. Older pupils from Westbourne School were also a huge help on the day by putting to good use the experience that they have picked up on Dragon Sport Organiser courses.

"Hopefully, this event will lead to more tennis being played in schools, so that the children can continue to improve their skills."

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Tae Kwon Do girls on form in championship

Sarah Herbert and Sam Lemmer

RECENTLY, the International Combat Organisation held its Welsh open championships in Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre.

Rising Phoenix Club competed and the first category was the patterns/forms, including traditional, creative and a weapons category.

Sarah Herbert managed to fend off stiff competition to win first place and become the ICO Welsh champion, followed by her team mate Sam Lemmer, who took second place.

Then the competition really took off with all five areas being used for fighting. Sarah Herbert took part in the +160cm, under-17s section of the tournament. This is probably one of the harder sections, as she was the only girl in a male-dominated category.

She fought her way through the rounds, taking on bigger, heavier and older boys to make it through to the finals.

In a hard fought final, Sarah was beaten into second place, losing by only one point.

Well done to both girls who competed.

The Rising Phoenix Tae Kwon Do Club is part of the United Tae Kwon Do Association of Wales (UTAW) and meets at Barry Comprehensive School, Tuesdays (6pm-8pm), Thursday (7pm-8pm).

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All ages in May four-ball event

LEFT:
Josh Morgan, Sally Hopkins, Mike Hurry and Steve Hopkins

A LARGE number of competitors took part in the four-ball-better-ball competition at RAF St Athan Golf Club over the May bank holiday.

As is tradition, this competition a man partners either a lady or a junior member, so a draw took place to finalise the pairings.

Although chilly at times, the weather stayed dry and some great golf was played, with the leader-board continuously changing as the cards came in.

Ladies captain Sally Hopkins and Mike Hurry stormed the course to win the competition with a magnificent 48 points; second place went to Ryan Harris and Dave Weston with 45, and third place, with a very respectable 44 points (on count back), went to Josh Morgan and Steve Hopkins.

The twos sweep was divided between five players; John Davies, Luke Allbrighton, Steve Hopkins, Josh Morgan and Steve Kenyon.

John Davies was the lucky winner of 'lunch for two' which was very kindly donated as the main raffle prize by the New York Deli, High Street Arcade, Cardiff.

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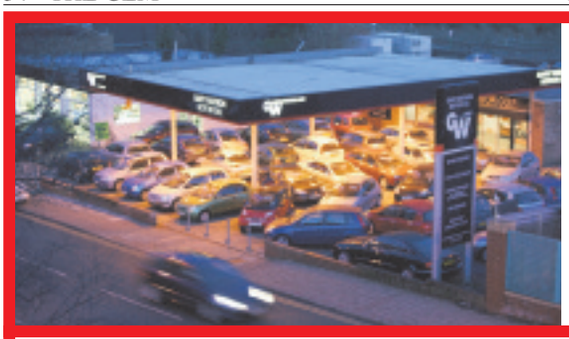

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Double success for Cowbridge footballers as promotion achieved

ABOVE: Champagne moment – through the spray the sign says it all: 'We are going up!'

A FANTASTIC season culminated in a superb promotion for Cowbridge Town FC after they dug deep against Park Vets at the Bear Field on Saturday.

After a thrilling run, which has seen the team lose only once in 2010 and also includes Cup success, Cowbridge reined in those above them to confirm a famous double for the newly reformed outfit.

The game itself was a competitive affair, with the visitors determined not to hand Cowbridge second place on a plate.

However, it was Cowbridge who struck first as Jack Gavin slotted home his 34th goal of the season to settle any pre-match nerves Town may have harboured.

The goal didn't dishearten Vets though, and through a direct and abrasive style they looked to push for an equaliser.

The goal nearly came on the half hour mark, as a looping cross found the head of the Vets winger, who watched his effort just float over the Cowbridge bar.

Despite both sides carving out half chances the first half remained goalless and Town knew they were only 45 minutes from their goal.

Perhaps this realisation could be blamed for the torrid start Town made to the second half.

With nerves creeping into the home side's play, the Vets capitalised on some indecision down the right flank to level, after Ian Bavey could only palm a decent cross into the path of the onrushing striker.

The goal visibly rattled Town, and smelling blood Vets pushed forwards, seeking to end their own season on a high.

Cowbridge did regroup however, and as the match broke down both sides sensed the next goal would be crucial.

Thankfully for Cowbridge, they got it, after a typically powerful Nic Vaile strike from distance proved way too good for the Vets' keeper.

In scenes reminiscent of their recent Dockers Cup win, Cowbridge dug deep, and defended stoically under sustained pressure to clinch the win, and with it second place which confirms their status as a Division One outfit for the 2010-11 season - thanks to Ryan Davies photography for capturing that champagne moment.

Cowbridge Town FC are actively seeking players to represent them at under-12s (year 7) level for next season.

All those interested should contact Edward Jones on 07952 024694.

MR

Runners head for Newport

THE Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Steeplechases take place this Saturday at Lower Machen, near Newport, and a number of horses from the Vale are expected to take part.

Racing gets under way at 2pm with the members' race, and Wales' leading rider John Mathiasp will be hoping to add to his seasonal tally of 28 wins.

BRIAN LEE

Tennis ladies earn victory over Lisvane

COWBRIDGE ladies tennis club first team were at home to Lisvane LTC last Sunday.

Cowbridge were fielding a strong squad, against a Lisvane first team down from the division above, and they went on to achieve a 4-2 win.

Jane James and Alison Kurobasa won both their matches, along with Gill Ridout and Jenny Lord, and Janet Booth and Jane Richards, both pairs winning one and just missing out in third set tie breaks for their other.

The ladies second team lost away at Penarth LTC, where unfortunately one of their first pair sustained an injury early on, forcing Cowbridge to concede two matches, with the rest of the team unable to avoid defeat.

The men's team, however, had an emphatic 6-0 win at Cardiff LTC.

Ian Duggan and John Edwards, Allan Duggan and Colin Rees, Hugh Wallace and Warren Davies, all won in straight sets and dropped very few games in the process.

AK

Great away win for Cowbridge Firsts

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge First XI travelled west for a table-topping clash with Clydach Cricket Club.

The result was that Cowbridge consolidated their position at the top of the table with a convincing win, thanks to the steady batting of Tom Merilaht (72), Adam Wood (68) and the superb bowling of Lloyd Bishop (5-34).

Dean Kreischer, the home captain, won the toss and had no hesitation in putting Cowbridge in to bat because of the heavy overnight rain. His optimism was well founded as both Mike Lloyd and Nick Davies were back in the clubhouse in six overs, with the score just 20 runs.

However, Tom Merilaht was joined at the crease by Adam Wood and Clydach successes ceased until the 37th over. During those overs, Tom and Adam, beginning very carefully and eventually accelerating, took the score to 132 when Tom mistimed a shot attempting to push the score along and was caught and bowled for 72.

This invaluable innings made sure that his side would not suffer the weekly collapses of last season. He and Adam had batted together for 30 overs, ensuring that the side posted a decent total. The partnership was worth 112 runs and contained some excellent stroke play and sensible running between the wickets.

At this point, Adam was on 40 and now he took the lead and dominated the scoring until the 47th over, when he was stumped trying to increase the pace. He was helped in the last few overs by Lloyd Bishop, a rapid 10 runs, and Chris Willey, an even quicker 15 not out, noteworthy for a huge, straight six which raised the cheer of the day!

He and Jon Smart were not out at the end of the innings, denying the home side the extra bowling point.

So, from a disastrous start the innings flourished and 197 was certainly a total that could be defended by a side full of confidence, and so it proved to be.

After a delicious tea when Jon Smart did his best to prevent his colleagues from over eating, the Clydach opening pair took up the challenge. They began brightly, scoring 44 runs for the first wicket in just nine overs, but at that point Lloyd Bishop took matters into his hands by bowling one of the openers.

This signalled a mini collapse, as the home side lost four wickets for 24 runs, with Lloyd accounting for the first four batsmen in a spell of accurate and hostile bowling. He finished with excellent figures of 5-34 in 15 overs, certainly his best of the season so far.

Sean Jenkins (33), the Clydach No 6, staged a small rally, but was soon caught by a gazelle-like Stuart Morton, making a welcome return to first team cricket, off the bowling of Nick Davies (2-49).

The other wicket taker was Ali Bilal, who was making his debut for the First XI. He began quite nervously but soon settled into a relaxed rhythm and the whole team were delighted when he took his first wicket. In his final over, he polished off the opposition by taking the last two wickets, both caught behind by Sam Wood, as he ended on 2-29.

The skipper's comments after the game were to the effect that this was a really great performance again, with every player doing his bit in a ruthlessly efficient performance.

Next weekend, the First XI is at home against Maesteg, while the Seconds travel. On Sunday, the opposition will be Mumbles in the second round of the Welsh Cup. As usual your support will be most welcome.

DL

NFU's charity golf day is a huge success

A FUNDRAISING golf day in aid of amserjustintime, a local charity set up to help patients and families effected by pancreatic cancer and held at The Grove Golf Club, raised more than £5,000.

Organised by local NFU Mutual Group secretaries David Harris and Julian Kelly the competition attracted more than 150 competitors all attempting to win some of the excellent prizes on offer.

Sian Cothi, the actress and singer, who set up the charity in memory of her late husband Justin, was in attendance to present the prizes, and also to express her appreciation to all who supported the event.

Results: Nearest the pin on the par three holes – Neil McCloughlin, Nikki Hughes, Mike O'Leary, Terry Vick.

Longest drive – ladies, Helen Calvert – men, Kevin O'Brien.

Ladies individual winner - Nikki Hughes with 30 points.

Men's individual winner - Carl Yardley with 38 points.

Team event – Third with 104 points, Rainbow International; Runner up with 108 points, Tigger & Co; Winning team – Neil Boobyer's team with 113 points.

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